

# SENATE BILL 492

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class CT (Cinema/Theater License)**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a Class CT (cinema/theater) license in  
4 Washington County so that the license may be issued only for a cinema or theater  
5 that is ~~not in an enclosed shopping mall but rather~~ in a stand-alone building with  
6 certain characteristics; altering certain requirements for the sale of beer, wine, and  
7 liquor by the license holder; altering the days that a license holder may exercise the  
8 privileges of the license; establishing a Sunday permit and an annual Sunday permit  
9 fee; ~~altering~~ repealing the termination provisions of certain Acts regarding  
10 cinema/theater licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in  
11 Washington County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 31–102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
19 Section 31–1001.1  
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Chapter 586 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016  
2 Section 2

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6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
7 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

9 31–102.

10 This title applies only in Washington County.

11 31–1001.1.

12 (a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

13 (b) The Board may issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that:

14 (1) is ~~NOT IN AN ENCLOSED SHOPPING MALL BUT RATHER~~ in a  
15 **STAND-ALONE** building that is designed or used primarily for the exhibition of motion  
16 pictures to the public;

17 (2) has a capacity to hold at least 100 permanently installed seats; and

18 (3) has a minimum of six movie theater rooms.

19 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the  
20 license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption;

21 ~~(i)~~ by the drink, bottle, and can;

22 ~~(ii)~~ **(I)** 1. in a designated area of the lobby, for 45 minutes  
23 before a movie starts; and

24 2. in a VIP room that holds special events, for the 45 minutes  
25 before a movie starts and during the showing of the movie; ~~and~~ **OR**

26 ~~(iii)~~ **(II)** to an individual who has a ticket to a movie and proper  
27 identification.

28 (2) A license holder may exercise the privileges of the license [only on  
29 Thursdays];

1                    **(I) FROM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; AND**

2                    **(II) ON SUNDAY, IF THE LICENSE HOLDER IS ISSUED A SUNDAY**  
 3 **PERMIT.**

4                    (3) A license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor without serving food.

5                    (4) An individual serving beer, wine, and liquor:

6                    (i) may not mix the contents of one bottle with the contents of  
 7 another bottle; and

8                    (ii) shall dispose of or destroy all empty bottles and cans.

9                    (d) (1) A license holder shall:

10                    (i) obtain a crowd control training certificate from a program that is  
 11 certified by the Board; and

12                    (ii) while selling beer, wine, and liquor, have one certified crowd  
 13 control manager on the licensed premises for every 250 individuals present.

14                    (2) Notwithstanding § 31-1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require  
 15 one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the  
 16 licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.

17                    (e) **(1)** The annual license fee is \$1,000.

18                    **(2) THE ANNUAL SUNDAY PERMIT FEE IS \$250.**

19                    **Chapter 586 of the Acts of 2016**

20                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on  
 21 July 1, 2016. ~~It shall remain effective for a period of [15] 2 YEARS AND 3 months and, at~~  
 22 ~~the end of October 1, [2017] 2018, with no further action required by the General~~  
 23 ~~Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.