

Chapter 648

**(House Bill 743)**

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Per Diem Licenses**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a simple majority of the members of the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to approve or deny an application for a per diem license in a certain meeting or, with a certain written voting record, through oral or written contact by any method by the chair with each member of the Board; prohibiting the Board from requiring the publication of an application for a per diem license as a prerequisite to issuing the license; making conforming changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–1309  
to be Section 22–1309.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–1301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–1309  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 22–1309 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 22–1309.1.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1301.

(a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 12 (“Temporary Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 4–1202 (“Per diem licenses”);
- (2) § 4–1203 (“Class C per diem beer and Class C per diem beer and wine licenses”);
- (3) § 4–1204 (“Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license”);
- (4) § 4–1206 (“License to dispose of stock”);
- (5) § 4–1207 (“Temporary move of licensed premises”);
- (6) § 4–1208 (“Hours and days of sale”); and
- (7) § 4–1209 (“Wine permit for fund–raising event”).

(b) Section 4–1205 (“License fees”) of Division I of this article does not apply in the county and is superseded by [§ 22–1309] **§ 22–1309.1** of this subtitle.

**22–1309.**

**(A) (1) A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY ACT TO APPROVE OR DENY AN APPLICATION FOR A PER DIEM LICENSE:**

**(I) IN A FORMAL MEETING, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT; OR**

**(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THROUGH ORAL OR WRITTEN CONTACT BY ANY METHOD BY THE CHAIR WITH EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD.**

**(2) THE CHAIR SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN RECORD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION OF HOW EACH MEMBER AND THE CHAIR VOTED.**

**(B) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE THE PUBLICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PER DIEM LICENSE AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE ISSUING OF THE LICENSE.**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.**