

HOUSE BILL 1293

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By: **Delegates Wells, Boyce, Bridges, and Conaway**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A–7 Licenses – Surveillance System**

3 FOR the purpose of extending in Baltimore City the time during which the Board of License
4 Commissioners may issue a Class A–7 license; repealing the right to exchange
5 certain licenses within a certain area; altering the hours of operation for a holder of
6 a Class A–7 license; requiring the holder of a Class A–7 license to install and operate
7 a digital surveillance system on the licensed premises in accordance with regulations
8 adopted by the Board; requiring the digital surveillance system to be equipped with
9 certain cameras; requiring certain cameras to be placed in a certain way; requiring
10 the video recorded from the surveillance system to be retained for a certain number
11 of days; requiring the Board to adopt, in consultation with the Baltimore Police
12 Department, regulations relating to digital surveillance on or before a certain date;
13 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 12–102
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
21 Section 12–902.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-102.

2 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

3 12-902.1.

4 (a) There is a Class A-7 beer, wine, and liquor license.

5 (b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail
6 at the place described in the license, for off-premises consumption.

7 (c) (1) Subject to [paragraphs] PARAGRAPH (2) [through (4)] of this
8 subsection, a license holder who holds a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license
9 issued on or before July 1, 2018, may apply to the Board to exchange the license for a Class
10 A-7 license if the license holder first obtains approval by resolution of the Baltimore City
11 Council.

12 (2) The Board may not issue a Class A-7 license after July 1, [2020] **2022**.

13 [(3) In the 46th legislative district, a Class B-D-7 license may be exchanged
14 for a Class A-7 license.

15 (4) In the 46th legislative district, the transferee of a Class B-D-7 license
16 that is successfully transferred from the 3600 block of Fleet Street to the 5600 block of
17 Eastern Avenue may apply to the Board to exchange the license for a Class A-7 license for
18 use at the Eastern Avenue location on or before July 1, 2021.]

19 (d) A holder of a Class A-7 license may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday
20 through Sunday from [9 a.m. to 10 p.m.] **10 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT**.

21 **(E) A HOLDER OF A CLASS A-7 LICENSE SHALL OPERATE A DIGITAL**
22 **SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM ON THE LICENSED PREMISES IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
23 **REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION.**

24 **(F) THE DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH**
25 **HIGH-DEFINITION CAMERAS THAT PROVIDE CONTINUOUS, 24-HOUR VIDEO**
26 **MONITORING PLACED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT.**

27 **(G) (1) THE CAMERAS MUST BE PLACED IN SUCH A WAY THAT:**

28 **(I) THE EXTERIOR OF EACH ENTRYWAY INTO THE LICENSED**
29 **ESTABLISHMENT IS MONITORED;**

30 **(II) THE INTERIOR OF EACH ENTRYWAY INTO THE LICENSED**
31 **ESTABLISHMENT IS MONITORED; AND**

1 **(III) THE CASH REGISTER OR TILL IS MONITORED.**

2 **(2) THE VIDEO RECORDED FROM THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM SHALL**
3 **BE RETAINED FOR NOT LESS THAN 7 DAYS.**

4 **(H) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15,**
5 **2020, RELATING TO DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**
6 **BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

7 **[(e)] (I)** The annual license fee is \$1,500.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2020.