

# SENATE BILL 375

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By: **Harford County Senators**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hotel Lobby License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to  
4 issue a hotel lobby license; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor  
5 for on–premises consumption in accordance with certain requirements; establishing  
6 the hours of sale for the license; prohibiting a license holder from selling beer, wine,  
7 and liquor in a certain manner; establishing an annual license fee; and generally  
8 relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 22–102, 22–1903, and 22–1904  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 22–1004.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

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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 22-102.

2 This title applies only in Harford County.

3 **22-1004.1.**

4 (A) **THERE IS A HOTEL LOBBY LICENSE.**

5 (B) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A HOTEL THAT DOES**  
6 **NOT HAVE A RESTAURANT.**

7 (C) (1) **A LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER,**  
8 **WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM A STORE IN THE HOTEL LOBBY TO PATRONS OF THE HOTEL**  
9 **FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

10 (2) **BEER MAY BE SOLD ONLY IN A CAN OR BOTTLE THAT DOES NOT**  
11 **EXCEED 12 OUNCES.**

12 (3) **WINE MAY BE SOLD ONLY IN A BOTTLE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED**  
13 **750 MILLILITERS.**

14 (4) **LIQUOR MAY BE SOLD ONLY IN A BOTTLE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED**  
15 **50 MILLILITERS.**

16 (D) **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR:**

17 (1) **ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM NOON TO 10 P.M.; AND**

18 (2) **ON SUNDAY, FROM 11 A.M. TO 10 P.M.**

19 (E) **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR:**

20 (1) **THROUGH A VENDING MACHINE; OR**

21 (2) **BY STOCKING BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN A GUEST ROOM FOR**  
22 **PURCHASE.**

23 (F) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,250.**

24 22-1903.

25 (a) The license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is  
26 employed in a supervisory capacity shall be:

1 (1) certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; and

2 (2) present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic  
3 beverages may be sold.

4 (b) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:

5 (1) for the first offense, a \$100 fine; and

6 (2) for each subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 or a suspension  
7 or revocation of the license or both.

8 22–1904.

9 (a) A holder of a license with an on–sale privilege shall:

10 (1) keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts and  
11 expenditures in the form that the Board requires; and

12 (2) procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and  
13 other items bought for sale.

14 (b) An on–sale license holder shall keep the records required under subsection (a)  
15 of this section open to inspection by the Board or a designee of the Board.

16 (c) (1) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a  
17 Board officer, or any other person indicates that a holder of a license with an on–sale  
18 privilege is violating this title, the Board shall summon the license holder and conduct a  
19 hearing.

20 (2) If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board shall revoke the  
21 license holder’s license immediately.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2020.