

SENATE BILL 381

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By: **Harford County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Cafe Beer, Wine, and Liquor**
3 **Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of sales from cooked or prepared food required
5 for a certain alcoholic beverages license in Harford County; and generally relating to
6 alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

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

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 22–903
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 22–102.

21 This title applies only in Harford County.

22 22–903.

23 (a) There is a Class B cafe beer, wine, and liquor license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (1) The license authorizes the holder to sell:

2 (i) beer and wine for on- and off-premises consumption; and

3 (ii) liquor for on-premises consumption.

4 (2) The license is a 7-day license with an on-premises wine tasting
5 privilege for every day of the year.

6 (3) The license may be used for off-premises catering.

7 (c) The Board shall set:

8 (1) the maximum number of cafe licenses that it may issue under this
9 section; and

10 (2) the maximum and minimum seating capacity for each cafe license it
11 issues.

12 (d) The license may be used only if:

13 (1) the Board determines that the establishment has adequate tables,
14 chairs, food, and facilities for preparing and serving meals;

15 (2) the average gross monthly receipts from the sale of cooked or prepared
16 food served at the establishment and other items approved by the Board exceed **[50%] 35%**
17 of the average monthly receipts from the sale of beer, wine, and liquor sold for on-premises
18 consumption; and

19 (3) not more than 10% of the total square footage of the establishment is
20 dedicated to the public display of beer and wine that is offered for sale.

21 (e) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days
22 as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 22-2004(b) of this title.

23 (f) The annual license fee is \$3,000.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2020.