

Chapter 167

(House Bill 322)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Cinema/Theater License

FOR the purpose of repealing certain time and area restrictions on the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor in a cinema or theater for which a certain license has been issued in Frederick County; authorizing the on–premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor in the lobby or a screening room or performance hall in the licensed premises of the cinema or theater; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 20–1003.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1003.1.

- (a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license for use in a for–profit cinema or theater that has one or more screening rooms or performance halls.
- (c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption by the can, bottle, or drink:

- (i) [in a designated area of the lobby, for 45 minutes before a movie

starts or a theater performance starts] **IN THE LOBBY OR A SCREENING ROOM OR PERFORMANCE HALL**; and

(ii) to an individual who has a ticket to a movie or a theater performance and proper identification.

(2) A license holder shall offer for sale food other than candy and popcorn.

(d) A customer may consume beer, wine, or liquor anywhere on the licensed premises.

(e) A license holder may exercise the privileges of the license Monday through Sunday.

(f) An individual serving beer, wine, or liquor:

(1) may not mix the contents of one bottle with the contents of another bottle; and

(2) shall remove or destroy all empty bottles and cans.

(g) (1) A license holder shall:

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

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

(2) Notwithstanding § 20–1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.

(h) The annual license fee is \$1,500.

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

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.