

# HOUSE BILL 144

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By: **Delegate Reilly**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer and Wine License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County;  
4 repealing the prohibition on a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County;  
5 authorizing the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the licensed premises  
6 for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for  
7 Harford County to issue up to a certain number of Class D licenses to a person;  
8 requiring the license holder to provide certain types of food; prohibiting the Board  
9 from requiring the license holder to meet a certain minimum investment; providing  
10 that the license holder is subject to certain alcohol awareness training requirements;  
11 specifying the license fee; authorizing the license holder to sell beer and wine during  
12 certain hours; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford  
13 County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 22-102  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
21 Section 22-810 and 22-2003  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2016 Volume and 2020 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**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 22-102.

2 This title applies only in Harford County.

3 22-810.

4 (A) [A] THERE IS A Class D beer and wine license [may not be issued in the  
5 county].

6 (B) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER AND  
7 WINE, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE, FOR ON-PREMISES  
8 CONSUMPTION.

9 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE NOT MORE THAN FIVE CLASS D LICENSES TO  
10 THE SAME PERSON.

11 (D) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO SELL FOOD, BUT IS  
12 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PREPACKAGED SNACKS.

13 (E) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE THE LICENSE HOLDER TO MEET A  
14 MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE PREMISES.

15 (F) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS  
16 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.

17 (G) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,000.

18 22-2003.

19 (a) A holder of a Class A beer and wine license may sell beer and wine on Monday  
20 through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

21 (b) A holder of a Class B beer and wine license may sell beer and wine on Monday  
22 through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

23 (c) A holder of a Class C beer and wine license may sell beer and wine on Monday  
24 through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

25 (D) A HOLDER OF A CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE MAY SELL BEER AND  
26 WINE ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 8 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
28 1, 2021.