

HOUSE BILL 287

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By: **Delegate Johnson**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Harford County a resort complex license; authorizing
4 the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue one resort complex
5 license to a certain person; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell
6 beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; establishing the days
7 and times during which a license holder may serve alcoholic beverages; exempting
8 the resort complex license from a certain license quota or restriction; establishing
9 that certain areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the licensed premises;
10 providing that a resort complex for which the license is issued is subject to certain
11 alcohol awareness training requirements; establishing certain license fees; defining
12 a certain term; 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 adding to

20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
21 Section 22–1005.2
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**

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 **22-1005.2.**

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "RESORT COMPLEX" MEANS A PARCEL OR
5 CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF LAND:

6 (1) OF AT LEAST 10 ACRES;

7 (2) UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; AND

8 (3) WITH FACILITIES THAT:

9 (I) INCLUDE LODGING, CONFERENCE SPACES, MEETING
10 SPACES, ACTIVE OUTDOOR OPEN SPACES, WATERFRONT BEACH ACTIVITIES, OR A
11 MARINA;

12 (II) SERVE THE PUBLIC; AND

13 (III) RESULTED IN A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST
14 \$500,000 EXCLUSIVE OF THE COST OF THE LAND.

15 (B) THERE IS A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE.

16 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE TO A PERSON
17 OWNING, LEASING, OR OPERATING A RESORT COMPLEX.

18 (D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,
19 AND LIQUOR FROM:

20 (1) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT MAY BE
21 CONSUMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECREATION OR THE PLAYING OF MUSIC AND
22 DANCING AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX;

23 (2) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT OPERATE
24 AS A RESTAURANT;

25 (3) BARS OR COUNTERS AT ONE OR MORE LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT
26 COMPLEX DAILY FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

1 **(4) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR**
2 **CULINARY EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE OFF-PREMISES**
3 **CONSUMPTION; AND**

4 **(5) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR**
5 **OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

6 **(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

7 **(1) AT ONE OR MORE OUTSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX ON**
8 **MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT;**

9 **(2) AT ONE OR MORE INSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX:**

10 **(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M.**
11 **THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

12 **(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT; AND**

13 **(3) AT ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:**

14 **(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M.**
15 **THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

16 **(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT.**

17 **(F) A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTA OR**
18 **RESTRICTION ON OFF-SALE LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN**
19 **WHICH THE RESORT COMPLEX IS LOCATED.**

20 **(G) (1) CERTAIN AREAS IN A RESORT COMPLEX MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM**
21 **THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE LICENSED**
22 **PREMISES.**

23 **(2) A PERSON OTHER THAN THE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE HOLDER**
24 **MAY OBTAIN A DIFFERENT CLASS OF LICENSE FOR AN AREA EXCLUDED UNDER**
25 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

26 **(H) A RESORT COMPLEX FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED IS SUBJECT TO**
27 **THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
28 **ARTICLE.**

29 **(I) (1) THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,500.**

1 **(2) BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022, THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$6,000.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2021.