

# HOUSE BILL 555

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By: **Delegate Long**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor**  
3 **Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for  
5 Baltimore County from issuing a certain alcoholic beverages license to a drugstore;  
6 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 13–102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 13–904

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2020 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 13–102.

21 This title applies only in Baltimore County.

22 13–904.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Board may:

2 (1) issue the license only to a holder of a Class B (SB) restaurant – service  
3 bar beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) license; or

4 (2) restrict off–sale privileges of the license holder.

5 (c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor  
6 at retail at the place described in the license for on– and off–premises consumption.

7 (2) The area of the licensed premises normally used to prepare and  
8 consume food and alcoholic beverages on the premises may occupy not less than 80% of the  
9 square foot area, unless the license holder has held the license since before December 31,  
10 1966.

11 (d) [The license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

12 (e)] The annual license fee is \$1,500.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2021.