

HOUSE BILL 984

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By: **Delegate Impallaria**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to
4 develop and implement a plan to limit the number of certain alcoholic beverages
5 licenses that are available in each councilmanic district in Harford County; providing
6 for the required content of the plan; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations;
7 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) On or before December 31, 2021, the Board of License Commissioners for
11 Harford County shall develop and implement a plan to limit the number of alcoholic
12 beverages licenses available in each class under Title 22, Subtitles 7 through 9 of the
13 Alcoholic Beverages Article in each councilmanic district in Harford County by population
14 and need, which shall include:

15 (1) a prohibition against any alcoholic beverages license being transferred
16 from the councilmanic district in which it was originally located;

17 (2) a limit to the amount for which an alcoholic beverages license may be
18 transferred, such that:

19 (i) a license whose average monthly receipts indicate a primarily
20 on-premises usage may be transferred for not more than \$20,000; and

21 (ii) a license whose average monthly receipts indicate a primarily
22 off-premises usage may be transferred for not more than \$40,000; and

23 (3) a schedule through which the number of alcoholic beverages licenses
24 available in each councilmanic district may be increased based on population and need.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this Act.

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