

Chapter 769

(House Bill 1181)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B–BF (Banquet Facility) License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license for use by certain banquet facilities; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 32–1001.1
to be Section 32–1001.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 32–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 32–1001.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 32–1001.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 32–1001.2.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

32–102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

32–1001.1.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS B–BF (BANQUET FACILITY) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A BANQUET FACILITY THAT:

(1) ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC FOR BANQUETS, PARTIES, MEETINGS, AND SIMILAR FUNCTIONS;

(2) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR ~~PREPARING AND~~ SERVING FULL–COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 100 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INSIDE THE FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ON THE PREMISES AT ONE SEATING; AND

(3) HAS ADEQUATE PUBLIC BATHROOM FACILITIES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF:

(1) THE BEER AND WINE ARE SOLD BY THE DRINK OR BY THE BOTTLE;

(2) THE LIQUOR IS SOLD ONLY BY THE DRINK;

(3) THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SOLD ONLY DURING THE FUNCTION;

(4) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

(5) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TO BE CARRIED OFF THE PREMISES; AND

(6) FOOD IS PROVIDED AT THE FUNCTION WHERE THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE PROVIDED.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 32–2004 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.