

HOUSE BILL 493

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 481

By: ~~Delegate Johnson~~ Harford County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service Under Stadium License**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an individual serve beer, wine, and
4 liquor under a Harford County stadium beer, wine, and liquor license only in certain
5 containers ~~and authorizing an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor under the~~
6 ~~license by the drink and by the bottle, from one or more outlets, for on-premises~~
7 ~~consumption~~; authorizing an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass
8 container in an area in the stadium designated by the license holder to hold a special
9 event; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

12 Section 22–102

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 22–1006

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages

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2 22–102.

3 This title applies only in Harford County.

4 22–1006.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) “Concession manager” means a person that provides and supervises
7 under contract the comprehensive management of all food and beverage concession sales
8 on the licensed premises.

9 (3) “Licensed premises” includes the stadium facility and stadium parking
10 lots.

11 (b) There is a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license.

12 (c) The Board may issue the license for a stadium to the owner, lessee, or
13 concession manager of a professional baseball stadium.

14 (d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the
15 license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption.

16 (2) The license holder may sell, serve, or allow the consumption of beer,
17 wine, and liquor on the stadium parking lots only with the prior written approval of the
18 Board.

19 (e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license holder may sell
20 beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

21 (2) During a baseball game, a holder of a stadium license may not sell beer,
22 wine, or liquor:

23 (i) after the beginning of the eighth inning; or

24 (ii) during a doubleheader game, after the beginning of the sixth
25 inning of the second game.

26 (f) (1) An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed
27 premises shall hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the Board
28 approves.

29 (2) (i) [Except as provided in] **SUBJECT TO** subparagraph (ii) of this
30 paragraph, an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor during a baseball game [only in

1 a plastic, Styrofoam, or paper container] ~~BY THE DRINK AND BY THE BOTTLE, FROM ONE~~
2 ~~OR MORE OUTLETS, FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

3 (ii) An individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass
4 container **ONLY** on the club level, **IN AN AREA IN THE STADIUM DESIGNATED BY THE**
5 **LICENSE HOLDER TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT,** or in a dining area where patrons are
6 seated.

7 (3) (i) This paragraph does not apply to wine and liquor served on the
8 club level, **IN AN AREA IN THE STADIUM DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER TO**
9 **HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT,** or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

10 (ii) An individual may dispense wine and liquor during a baseball
11 game only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor
12 vehicle driver's license scanner.

13 (4) A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense wine and
14 liquor.

15 (5) A license holder may not allow a person to carry beer, wine, and liquor
16 onto or off of the licensed premises.

17 (g) The annual license fee is \$10,000.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
19 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
20 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
21 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
22 enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.