

# HOUSE BILL 768

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Population**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the population formula used to determine the number of  
4 certain alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in an election district in  
5 Frederick County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 20–102  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 20–1601  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 20–102.

20 This title applies only in Frederick County.

21 20–1601.

22 (a) (1) For every 4,000 individuals [or major fraction] in an election district,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the Board may not issue more than one license in each of the following classes:

- 2 (i) Class A (off-sale) beer license;
- 3 (ii) Class A (off-sale) beer and wine license; and
- 4 (iii) Class A (off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

5 (2) The population of each election district is to be determined by the most  
6 recent federal census.

7 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, in an election district in  
8 which the number of licenses in a class that were issued as of June 1, 1949, exceeds the  
9 quota specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Board may not issue new licenses in  
10 that class.

11 (2) The Board may issue new licenses in a class when the number of  
12 licenses in that class falls below the quota specified in subsection (a) of this section.

13 (c) This section does not apply to the transfer or renewal of a license.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2022.