

HOUSE BILL 1423

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Class B Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to
4 allow a person to obtain a direct or indirect interest in, in addition to certain other
5 licenses, not more than a certain number of Class B–H (hotel), Class B–R
6 (restaurant), or Class B–RB (restaurant/bar) on–sale beer, wine, and liquor licenses;
7 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 18–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 18–1606

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 18–102.

22 This title applies only in Charles County.

23 **18–1606.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) THE BOARD MAY ALLOW A PERSON TO OBTAIN A DIRECT OR INDIRECT**
2 **INTEREST IN, IN ADDITION TO ONE OR MORE LICENSES ISSUED IN ANOTHER**
3 **JURISDICTION OR STATE, NOT MORE THAN TWO:**

4 **(1) CLASS B-H (HOTEL) ON-SALE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
5 **LICENSES ISSUED UNDER § 18-902 OF THIS TITLE;**

6 **(2) CLASS B-R (RESTAURANT) ON-SALE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
7 **LICENSES ISSUED UNDER § 18-904 OF THIS TITLE; OR**

8 **(3) CLASS B-RB (RESTAURANT/BAR) ON-SALE BEER, WINE, AND**
9 **LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED UNDER § 18-905 OF THIS TITLE.**

10 **(B) AN INDIRECT INTEREST IS PRESUMED TO EXIST BETWEEN ANY**
11 **COMBINATION OF PERSONS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST**
12 **BETWEEN THEM:**

13 **(1) A COMMON PARENT COMPANY;**

14 **(2) A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT;**

15 **(3) A LICENSING AGREEMENT;**

16 **(4) A CONCESSION AGREEMENT;**

17 **(5) DUAL MEMBERSHIP IN A CHAIN OF BUSINESSES COMMONLY**
18 **OWNED AND OPERATED;**

19 **(6) A SHARING OF DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS, OR**
20 **MEMBERS, OR A SHARING OF DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS, OR**
21 **MEMBERS OF PARENTS OR SUBSIDIARIES;**

22 **(7) COMMON DIRECT OR INDIRECT SHARING OF PROFIT FROM THE**
23 **SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; OR**

24 **(8) A SHARING OF A COMMON TRADE NAME, TRADEMARK, LOGO, OR**
25 **THEME OR MODE OF OPERATION IDENTIFIABLE BY THE PUBLIC.**

26 **(C) A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT LICENSE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF**
27 **THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONFER AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2022.