

SENATE BILL 645

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CF HB 1180

By: **Senators Carozza and Eckardt**

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Dinner Theater License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B–DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor
4 license in Wicomico County and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for
5 Wicomico County to issue the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
6 licenses in Wicomico County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 32–102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 32–1001.2

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 32–102.

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.



1 This title applies only in Wicomico County.

2 **32-1001.2.**

3 (A) THERE IS A CLASS B-DT (DINNER THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
4 LICENSE.

5 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF A DINNER
6 THEATER THAT:

7 (1) PROVIDES LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, BROADWAY-STYLE
8 MUSICALS, COMEDY, DANCE PERFORMANCES, OR DRAMA TO THE DINNER
9 THEATER'S CUSTOMERS;

10 (2) IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY RESERVATION ONLY; AND

11 (3) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH FACILITIES FOR ~~PREPARING AND~~
12 SERVING FULL-COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 80 INDIVIDUALS AT ONE SEATING.

13 (C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT
14 RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

15 (I) BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK OR BOTTLE; AND

16 (II) LIQUOR BY THE DRINK.

17 (2) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

18 (I) FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; OR

19 (II) AT ANY TIME EXCEPT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DINNER
20 THEATER.

21 (D) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR BEGINNING 2
22 HOURS BEFORE A LIVE PERFORMANCE UNTIL THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE ~~ON~~
23 ~~MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY~~ AND DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A
24 CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 32-2004 OF THIS TITLE.

25 (E) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL
26 FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IF FOOD IS PROVIDED
27 AT THE FUNCTION WHERE THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE PROVIDED.

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.