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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 481

(Senator Cassilly, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Service Under Stadium License**

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This emergency bill repeals the requirement that an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor under a Harford County stadium beer, wine, and liquor license only in a plastic, Styrofoam, or paper container and authorizes an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor by the drink and by the bottle, from one or more outlets, for on-premises consumption. The bill also specifies that an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass container *only* on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Harford County, there is a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license. The board may issue the license for a stadium to the owner, lessee, or concession manager of a professional baseball stadium. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption. The license holder may sell, serve, or allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor on the stadium parking lots only with the prior written approval of the board. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during specified times. An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed premises must hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the board approves. An

individual may only serve beer, wine, and liquor during a baseball game in a plastic, Styrofoam, or paper container, except on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated. An individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass container on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated. An individual may dispense wine and liquor during a baseball game only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor vehicle driver's license scanner, except on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated. A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense wine and liquor. A license holder is prohibited from allowing a person to carry beer, wine, and liquor onto or off of the licensed premises.

**Additional Comments:** The board advises that currently there is one stadium beer, wine, and liquor license issued in Harford County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 493 (Delegate Johnson) - Economic Matters.

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