

HOUSE BILL 307

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Nonprofit**
3 **Organizations**

4 **PG 304–24**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's
6 County to issue a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) alcoholic beverages
7 license for use by an independent and nonprofit fraternal or sororal organization that
8 meets certain ~~membership~~ requirements; and generally relating to alcoholic
9 beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 26–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 26–1011
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2016 Volume and 2023 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.



1 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

2 26–102.

3 This title applies only in Prince George’s County.

4 26–1011.

5 (a) **(1) IN THIS SECTION, “INDEPENDENT AND NONPROFIT NATIONWIDE**
 6 **FRATERNAL OR SORORAL ORGANIZATION” MEANS AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE**
 7 **MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED SOLELY OF GRADUATE MEMBERS OF AN INDEPENDENT**
 8 **AND NONPROFIT NATIONWIDE FRATERNAL OR SORORAL ORGANIZATION.**

9 **(2) “INDEPENDENT AND NONPROFIT NATIONWIDE FRATERNAL OR**
 10 **SORORAL ORGANIZATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

11 **(I) A COLLEGE OR HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITY OR SORORITY;**
 12 **OR**

13 **(II) ANY OTHER FRATERNITY OR SORORITY, THE MEMBERSHIP**
 14 **OF WHICH IS RESTRICTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO STUDENTS OF AN EDUCATIONAL**
 15 **INSTITUTION OR A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL.**

16 **(B)** There is a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) beer, wine, and
 17 liquor license.

18 ~~(b)~~ **(C)** The Board may issue the license for use by:

19 ~~(1)~~ **(1)** a local unit of a lodge or chapter of a nonprofit and nationwide fraternal,
 20 sororal, or service organization **OR AN INDEPENDENT AND NONPROFIT NATIONWIDE**
 21 **FRATERNAL OR SORORAL ORGANIZATION** that:

22 ~~{(1)}~~ ~~(I)~~ is composed solely of inducted members;

23 ~~{(2)}~~ ~~(II)~~ was operating in the county before the license application was
 24 made;

25 ~~{(3)}~~ ~~(III)~~ has at least 100 members paying dues of at least \$5 per year per
 26 member; and

27 ~~{(4)}~~ ~~(IV)~~ owns or operates a home or clubhouse that is principally for the
 28 use of its members and guests when accompanied by members; ~~OR~~

1 ~~(2) AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE~~
2 ~~MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED SOLELY OF MEMBERS OF A NATIONWIDE FRATERNAL OR~~
3 ~~SORORAL ORGANIZATION.~~

4 ~~(D)~~ (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and
5 liquor by the glass or by the bottle for on-premises consumption by a member or guest
6 accompanied by a member.

7 (2) The license holder may allow a person that has leased a private room
8 or other area of the licensed premises for a private social gathering to bring beer, wine, and
9 liquor onto the licensed premises for on-premises consumption.

10 ~~(E)~~ (E) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and
11 days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 26-2004 of this title,
12 except that restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday do not apply.

13 ~~(F)~~ (F) The annual license fee is \$910.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.