

SENATE BILL 971

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Class D Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Delivery**

3 FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic
4 beverages in Howard County to a holder or employee of a holder of a Class D license;
5 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
8 Section 23–102
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 23–1904
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2023 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 and Cannabis**

19 23–102.

20 This title applies only in Howard County.

21 23–1904.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The holder of a Class A **OR CLASS D** license or an employee of the
2 license holder may deliver alcoholic beverages only within the county.

3 (2) An employee making a delivery shall meet the age requirements of §
4 23–1902 of this subtitle.

5 (b) The deliverer and individual receiving the delivery shall, at the time of
6 delivery, endorse a delivery form that the Board approves, certifying that:

7 (1) the individual receiving the delivery claimed to be at least 21 years old
8 and the claim was supported by documentary evidence;

9 (2) the individual receiving the delivery knew that it is a criminal offense
10 for alcoholic beverages to be given to an individual under the age of 21 years; and

11 (3) the deliverer examined the recipient's identification.

12 (c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not make a retail
13 delivery of alcoholic beverages unless the purchaser:

14 (1) or another individual at least 21 years old designated by the purchaser,
15 is physically present to receive the alcoholic beverages at the time and place of delivery;
16 and

17 (2) pays for the purchase at the time of the order.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2024.