

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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2024 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 443 (Delegate Otto)  
Economic Matters

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**Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Veterans' Organization or Club License**

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This bill authorizes the holder of a Class C (veterans' organization or club) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Somerset County to purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail dealer, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Somerset County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Somerset County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a Class C (veterans' organization or club) BWL license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit veteran's organization or club that meets specified membership, chartership, and home or clubhouse ownership criteria. The annual license fee is \$316.

The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption only. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor (1) on Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day and (2) on Sunday, from 12:30 p.m. to midnight if food is available for

purchase on the premises. However, the license holder may not sell beer, wine, or liquor at a bar or counter on Sunday.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 338 (Senator Carozza) - Finance.

**Information Source(s):** Somerset County; Department of Legislative Services

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