

HOUSE BILL 567

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that
4 authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption;
5 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the
6 license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and
7 sale of original artwork in a certain arts and entertainment district; and generally
8 relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 19–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 19–1001
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

22 19–102.

23 This title applies only in Dorchester County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **19-1001.**

2 (A) **THERE IS AN ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE.**

3 (B) (1) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A NONPROFIT OR**
4 **FOR-PROFIT RETAIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING AN ART CENTER, AN ART GALLERY, A**
5 **MUSEUM, OR A SIMILAR BUSINESS THAT IS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO ART THAT**
6 **EXPRESSES MATTERS OF SERIOUS LITERARY, ARTISTIC, SCIENTIFIC, OR POLITICAL**
7 **VALUE, THAT:**

8 (I) **ENGAGES IN THE DISPLAY AND SALE OF ORIGINAL**
9 **ARTWORK; AND**

10 (II) **IS LOCATED IN AN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT**
11 **APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.**

12 (2) **THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A BUSINESS THAT**
13 **DISPLAYS AND SELLS COMMERCIALY PREPARED OR MASS-PRODUCED ARTISTIC**
14 **PRODUCTS.**

15 (3) **THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE:**

16 (I) **AT RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION WHEN**
17 **SNACKS ARE SERVED; AND**

18 (II) **ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, DURING NORMAL**
19 **BUSINESS HOURS BUT NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND NOT LATER THAN 10 P.M.**

20 (4) **THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE LOCATION**
21 **FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.**

22 (C) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$250.**

23 (D) **THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2025.