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By: **Harford County Delegation**  
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CHAPTER 548

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License - Sale of Liquor**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the scope of the Harford County stadium alcoholic  
4 beverages license to include the sale of liquor under certain circumstances;  
5 expanding the scope of the individuals and entities to whom the stadium license  
6 may be issued; defining certain terms; setting forth certain limitations with  
7 respect to where liquor may be served during baseball games, the kinds of  
8 containers that alcoholic beverages must be served in, and the kinds of  
9 dispensers to be used for alcoholic beverages; increasing the annual fee for the  
10 stadium alcoholic beverages license; requiring the prior written approval of the  
11 Harford County Liquor Control Board for certain activities; making stylistic  
12 changes; and generally relating to the Harford County stadium alcoholic  
13 beverages license.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 8-213.1 and 11-513  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 8-213.1.

23 (a) This section applies only in Harford County.

1 (b) There is a stadium [beer and light wine] on-sale license in Harford  
2 County.

3 (c) (1) The Liquor Control Board may issue a stadium [beer and light wine  
4 on-sale license] ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE FOR A STADIUM OWNED BY THE  
5 CITY OF ABERDEEN COVERING ON-PREMISES SALE OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR to  
6 the owner [or lessee], LESSEE, OR CONCESSION MANAGER of a professional baseball  
7 stadium for use on the [stadium] LICENSED premises.

8 (2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION:

9 (I) "CONCESSION MANAGER" MEANS A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL OR  
10 SINGLE ENTITY CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE AND SUPERVISE  
11 COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES BY  
12 CONCESSIONAIRES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

13 (II) "LICENSED PREMISES" INCLUDES THE STADIUM FACILITY AND  
14 STADIUM PARKING LOTS.

15 (d) (1) [A] SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
16 SUBSECTION, A stadium [beer and light wine on-sale] ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
17 license authorizes the holder to sell beer [and, if sold with a meal, light wine], WINE,  
18 AND LIQUOR on the licensed premises:

19 [(1)] (I) For consumption only on the licensed premises;

20 [(2)] (I) In a plastic, styrofoam, or paper container, except that a glass  
21 container may be used in an enclosed dining area in which patrons are seated;

22 (3) To a person present:

23 (i) At a baseball game in which the team of the licensee or lessee is  
24 playing; or

25 (ii) At another event that is held at the stadium;] and

26 [(4)] (II) During the hours and days for sale specified in § 11-513 of this  
27 article.

28 (2) THE SALE, SERVING, OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
29 ON THE PARKING LOTS OF THE STADIUM MAY BE ALLOWED ONLY WITH THE PRIOR  
30 WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

31 (E) THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS SHALL APPLY:

32 (1) ALL INDIVIDUALS SERVING BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR SHALL HOLD  
33 VALID CERTIFICATES FROM AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE  
34 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD;

35 (2) DURING A BASEBALL GAME, LIQUOR MAY ONLY BE SERVED ON THE  
36 CLUB LEVEL OR DINING AREA IN WHICH PATRONS ARE SEATED;

1 (3) DURING A BASEBALL GAME, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE  
 2 SERVED IN A PLASTIC, STYROFOAM, OR PAPER CONTAINER, EXCEPT THAT A GLASS  
 3 CONTAINER MAY BE USED ON THE CLUB LEVEL OR DINING AREA IN WHICH PATRONS  
 4 ARE SEATED; AND

5 (4) (I) EXCEPT ON THE CLUB LEVEL OR DINING AREA IN WHICH  
 6 PATRONS ARE SEATED, ALL BEER AND WINE DISPENSED DURING A BASEBALL GAME  
 7 SHALL BE DISPENSED ONLY FROM A STATIONARY STRUCTURE, LOCATED WITHIN  
 8 THE STADIUM, EQUIPPED WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE SCANNER;  
 9 AND

10 (II) NO ROVING VENDORS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DISPENSE BEER,  
 11 WINE, OR LIQUOR.

12 [(e)] (F) The annual license fee is [\$5,000] \$10,000.

13 [(f)] (G) Except for a wholesaler of beer [or wine], WINE, OR LIQUOR who is  
 14 conducting business with the licensee under this section, a licensee may not allow a  
 15 person to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

16 11-513.

17 (a) The provisions of this section apply in Harford County only.

18 (b) (1) A licensee may sell, offer for [sale ] SALE, or dispense alcoholic  
 19 beverages [or light wine]:

20 (i) On Monday through Sunday; and

21 (ii) Only between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following morning.

22 (2) A Class B-4 (seafood restaurant) licensee may offer to sell beer and  
 23 wine:

24 (i) On Mondays through Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.;;  
 25 and

26 (ii) On Sundays from 12 noon to 11:00 p.m.

27 (3) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a  
 28 stadium beer and light wine licensee under § 8-213.1 of this article may sell or offer  
 29 to sell beer or light wine:

30 1. Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 9 p.m.; and

31 2. Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

32 (ii)] During a baseball game only, a licensee may not sell alcoholic  
 33 beverages:

34 [1.] (I) After the beginning of the eighth inning; or

1 [2.] (II) During a doubleheader game, after the beginning of  
2 the sixth inning of the second game.

3 (c) A licensee may not:

4 (1) Allow alcoholic beverages [or light wine] to be consumed on [his]  
5 THE LICENSEE'S premises after 2:15 a.m. or before 8:00 a.m. the same morning; or

6 (2) Allow alcoholic beverages glasses, bottles, or containers to remain on  
7 tables or serving counters after 2:30 a.m.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
9 effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2002.