

# HOUSE BILL 654

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor**  
3 **Licenses**

4 **Ho. Co. 10–16**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor  
6 license in Howard County to attest to a certain proportion of future food and alcoholic  
7 beverages sales based on gross receipts before obtaining the license; requiring an  
8 applicant for renewal of a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to attest to  
9 a certain proportion of food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts  
10 before renewing the license; authorizing the holder of a Class D license to employ an  
11 individual at least a certain age to sell or serve beer and wine; and generally relating  
12 to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 23–905 and 23–1902

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. \_\_\_\_)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General  
18 Assembly of 2016)

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**

22 23–905.

23 (a) There are:

24 (1) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) 6–day license;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) 7-day license;

2 (3) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on- and off-sale) 6-day license; and

3 (4) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on- and off-sale) 7-day license.

4 (b) (1) An on-sale license under this section authorizes the license holder to  
5 sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises  
6 consumption.

7 (2) An on- and off-sale license under this section authorizes the license  
8 holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for  
9 on- and off-premises consumption.

10 (c) The license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

11 **(D) (1) BEFORE THE INITIAL ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE UNDER**  
12 **SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE OWNER SHALL ATTEST IN A SWORN**  
13 **STATEMENT THAT GROSS RECEIPTS FROM FOOD SALES WILL BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO**  
14 **20% OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC**  
15 **BEVERAGES.**

16 **(2) BEFORE EACH RENEWAL OF A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER**  
17 **SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE OWNER SHALL ATTEST IN A SWORN**  
18 **STATEMENT THAT THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM FOOD SALES FOR THE 12-MONTH**  
19 **PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL WERE AT**  
20 **LEAST EQUAL TO 20% OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND**  
21 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

22 **[(d)] (E)** The annual license fees are:

23 (1) \$600 for a 6-day (on-sale) license;

24 (2) \$1,000 for a 7-day (on-sale) license;

25 (3) \$800 for a 6-day (on- and off-sale) license; and

26 (4) \$1,000 for a 7-day (on- and off-sale) license.

27 23-1902.

28 **(A)** A holder of a Class A, Class B, or Class C license may employ an individual  
29 who is at least 18 years old to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

1           **(B) A HOLDER OF A CLASS D LICENSE MAY EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**  
2 **AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE.**

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 1, 2016.