

HOUSE BILL 1076

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sports Stadium License**

3 **MC 19–16**

4 FOR the purpose of creating in Montgomery County a sports stadium license; authorizing
5 the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to certain individuals;
6 establishing certain criteria for the sports stadium; establishing a certain residency
7 requirement; authorizing the sale of beer and wine for on–premises consumption
8 during a professional sports event or other event held at the stadium; allowing sales
9 to take place at a service bar or throughout the stadium by individual sales vendors
10 on behalf of the licensee; providing for the hours of sale for the license; requiring that
11 all beer and wine intended for consumption at the stadium be purchased from the
12 Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control; requiring that each server of
13 alcoholic beverages hold a certain certificate; establishing an annual license fee; and
14 generally relating to a sports stadium beer and wine license in Montgomery County.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 25–1011.1

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (As enacted by Chapter __ (S.B. __) (6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
20 2016)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages

25-1011.1.

(A) THERE IS A SPORTS STADIUM LICENSE.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THREE INDIVIDUALS SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY THAT OPERATES A STADIUM THAT:

(I) HAS A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$2,000,000, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND;

(II) SERVES AS A VENUE FOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS EVENTS;
AND

(III) HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF 2,000 PERSONS, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL FOR THE COUNTY.

(2) AT LEAST ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM THE LICENSE IS ISSUED SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR AT LEAST THE 2 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

(C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION DURING A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS EVENT OR OTHER EVENT HELD AT THE STADIUM.

(2) SALES MAY TAKE PLACE AT A SERVICE BAR OR THROUGHOUT THE STADIUM BY INDIVIDUAL SALES VENDORS ON BEHALF OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.

(D) (1) THE HOURS OF SALE DURING A SPORTS EVENT ARE:

(I) FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT UNTIL THE START OF THE FINAL PERIOD OF PLAY IF ONLY ONE EVENT IS PLAYED IN A DAY; OR

(II) FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST EVENT UNTIL THE START OF THE FINAL PERIOD OF PLAY OF THE LAST EVENT SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY IF MORE THAN ONE EVENT IS PLAYED ON THE SAME DAY.

(2) THE HOURS OF SALE FOR AN EVENT OTHER THAN A SPORTS EVENT SHALL BE SET BY THE BOARD.

1 **(E) ALL BEER AND WINE INTENDED FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE STADIUM**
2 **SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL FOR THE**
3 **COUNTY.**

4 **(F) EACH SERVER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE STADIUM SHALL**
5 **HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS**
6 **PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

7 **(G) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,000.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.