

# SENATE BILL 1039

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hotel and Motel Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the privileges of Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel and  
4 restaurant licenses issued in Washington County so that the privileges may be  
5 exercised for on- and off-premises consumption for certain licenses and for  
6 on-premises consumption only for all other licenses; making certain conforming  
7 changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 31-102  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 31-903  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

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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.



1 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

2 31–102.

3 This title applies only in Washington County.

4 31–903.

5 (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor [(on–sale)] hotel and restaurant  
6 license.

7 (b) The Board may issue the license to the owner of a hotel or motel that:

8 (1) is in a building at least three stories tall that was originally constructed  
9 for hotel or motel purposes;

10 (2) has a capital investment of at least \$500,000; and

11 (3) contains:

12 (i) at least one passenger elevator;

13 (ii) at least 100 rooms to accommodate the public;

14 (iii) a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities;

15 and

16 (iv) a ballroom, conference room, or banquet room.

17 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a  
18 hotel or restaurant at retail at the place described in the license[, for on–premises  
19 consumption]:

20 (1) through room service or otherwise to registered guests; or

21 (2) by the glass, bottle, or can to individuals attending an event in a  
22 ballroom, conference room, or banquet room.23 **(D) THE PRIVILEGES OF THE LICENSE MAY BE EXERCISED:**24 **(1) IF THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2016, AND**  
25 **HAD AN OFF–SALE PRIVILEGE, FOR ON– AND OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND**26 **(2) FOR ALL OTHER LICENSES, FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION**  
27 **ONLY.**

1            [(d)] (E)      Except as provided in regulations adopted by the Board under  
2 subsection [(f)] (G) of this section, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during  
3 the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license under §  
4 31-2004(c) of this title.

5            [(e)] (F)      (1)      The annual license fee is \$1,000.

6                            (2)      The fee for a Sunday permit is \$250.

7            [(f)] (G)      The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this section, including  
8 regulations that:

9                            (1)      provide for the manner of dispensing beer, wine, and liquor under the  
10 license;

11                           (2)      provide for the hours and days of sale; and

12                           (3)      limit the quantity of alcoholic beverages that may be sold to an  
13 individual as a single serving or during a 24-hour period.

14            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
15 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.