

Chapter 429

(House Bill 1430)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class CT (Cinema/Theater License)

FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a Class CT (cinema/theater) license in Washington County so that the license may be issued only for a cinema or theater that is in a stand-alone building with certain characteristics; altering certain requirements for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor by the license holder; altering the days that a license holder may exercise the privileges of the license; establishing a Sunday permit and ~~a~~ an annual Sunday permit fee; repealing the termination provisions of certain Acts regarding cinema/theater licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–1001.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 586 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

31–102.

This title applies only in Washington County.

31–1001.1.

(a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that:

(1) is in a **STAND-ALONE** building that is designed or used primarily for the exhibition of motion pictures to the public;

(2) has a capacity to hold at least 100 permanently installed seats; and

(3) has a minimum of six movie theater rooms.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption[:

(i)] by the drink, bottle, and can[;]:

[(ii)] (I) 1. in a designated area of the lobby, for 45 minutes before a movie starts; and

2. in a VIP room that holds special events, for the 45 minutes before a movie starts and during the showing of the movie; **[and] OR**

[(iii)] (II) to an individual who has a ticket to a movie and proper identification.

(2) A license holder may exercise the privileges of the license **[only on Thursdays]:**

(I) FROM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; AND

(II) ON SUNDAY, IF THE LICENSE HOLDER IS ISSUED A SUNDAY PERMIT.

(3) A license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor without serving food.

(4) An individual serving beer, wine, and liquor:

(i) may not mix the contents of one bottle with the contents of another bottle; and

(ii) shall dispose of or destroy all empty bottles and cans.

(d) (1) A license holder shall:

(i) obtain a crowd control training certificate from a program that is certified by the Board; and

(ii) while selling beer, wine, and liquor, have one certified crowd control manager on the licensed premises for every 250 individuals present.

(2) Notwithstanding § 31-1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.

(e) (1) The annual license fee is \$1,000.

(2) **THE ANNUAL SUNDAY PERMIT FEE IS \$250.**

Chapter 586 of the Acts of 2016

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016. [It shall remain effective for a period of 15 months and, at the end of October 1, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.