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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader

Senate Bill 386

(Senator Zirkin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales**

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This bill removes specified restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday in Baltimore County, and generally authorizes specified license holders to sell alcoholic beverages during the same hours each day of the week. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially impact Baltimore County finances or operations. Any additional inspections can likely be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful impact for licensees able to remain open on Sundays and realize additional sales.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary/Current Law:** The current and proposed hours of sale for specified establishments in Baltimore County are show in **Exhibit 1**.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Current and Proposed Hours of Sale for Specified Licenses in Baltimore County**

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Current Hours</u>	<u>Proposed Hours</u>
Manufacturer's License	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday
Wholesaler's License	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday
Class A BW	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, under specified circumstances, generally from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday
Class A BWL	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, under specified circumstances, generally from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday
Class B BW, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday
Class B BWL, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday
Class D BW	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Saturday	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday
Class D BW, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday
Class D BWL, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday

BW: Beer and Wine

BWL: Beer, Wine, and Liquor

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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**Background:** In fiscal 2018, 784 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Baltimore County.

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** SB 743 of 2017 received a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and was later withdrawn.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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