

Chapter 644

**(House Bill 389)**

AN ACT concerning

**Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License**

FOR the purpose of establishing in Charles County a resort complex license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue a certain amount of resort complex licenses to a resort complex owner or operator; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; establishing the times during which a license holder may sell alcoholic beverages; exempting the resort complex license from certain license quotas or restrictions; establishing that certain areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the licensed premises; establishing certain license fees; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a resort complex license in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 18–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 18–1004  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

18–102.

This title applies only in Charles County.

18–1004.

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RESORT COMPLEX” MEANS A PARCEL OR CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF LAND:**

**(1) OF AT LEAST 20 ACRES;**

**(2) UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; AND**

**(3) WITH FACILITIES THAT:**

**(I) INCLUDE A VENUE FOR GOLF, WATERFRONT BEACH ACTIVITIES, OR A MARINA;**

**(II) SERVE THE PUBLIC; AND**

**(III) RESULTED IN A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$550,000 EXCLUSIVE OF THE COST OF THE LAND.**

**(B) THERE IS A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE.**

**(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE TO THE PERSON OWNING OR OPERATING A RESORT COMPLEX.**

**(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM:**

**(1) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT MAY BE CONSUMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PLAYING OF MUSIC AND DANCING AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX; AND**

**(2) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

**(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

**(1) AT ONE OR MORE OUTSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT;**

**(2) AT ONE OR MORE INSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX:**

**(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

**(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT; AND**

**(3) AT ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:**

**(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

**(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT.**

**(F) A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTA OR RESTRICTION ON OFF-SALE LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE RESORT COMPLEX IS LOCATED.**

**(G) (1) CERTAIN AREAS IN A RESORT COMPLEX MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE LICENSED PREMISES.**

**(2) A PERSON OTHER THAN THE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE HOLDER MAY OBTAIN A DIFFERENT CLASS OF LICENSE FOR AN AREA EXCLUDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

**(H) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:**

**(1) \$3,500 FOR TWO OUTLET LOCATIONS; AND**

**(2) \$1,750 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL OUTLET LOCATION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.**