

# HOUSE BILL 558

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 126

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By: **Delegates Saab and Chisholm**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Entertainment Facilities**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying the manner in which the holder of an entertainment facility  
4 license in Anne Arundel County may sell beer, wine, and liquor; altering the scope  
5 of certain entertainment that may be performed in the licensed premises;  
6 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to  
7 authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages in certain areas for a promotional event  
8 under certain conditions; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally  
9 relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

12 Section 11–102

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 11–1005

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 11–102.

24 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11-1005.

2 (a) "Entertainment facility" means a facility that holds a license under Title 9,  
3 Subtitle 1A of the State Government Article.

4 (b) There is an entertainment facility license.

5 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license for the use of an entertainment facility  
6 that contains one or more food service facilities, bars, or lounges that are part of the  
7 operation of the entertainment facility.

8 (2) (i) The license shall be issued to an individual or entity that owns  
9 an entertainment facility and holds a license under Title 9, Subtitle 1A of the State  
10 Government Article.

11 (ii) An applicant for the license need not meet any location, voting,  
12 or residency requirements.

13 (d) (1) The license authorizes:

14 (i) the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor **BY THE GLASS**  
15 **OR BY THE BOTTLE** in any location of the entertainment facility that is not covered by an  
16 entertainment concessionaire license for consumption anywhere in the entertainment  
17 facility; and

18 (ii) the playing of music [and], dancing, **PLAYS, LIVE**  
19 **PERFORMANCES, COMEDY SHOWS, AND OTHER ARTISTIC SHOWS** in the licensed  
20 premises.

21 (2) **BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, THE BOARD MAY ALLOW THE SALE**  
22 **OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR A PROMOTIONAL EVENT IN AN AREA THAT:**

23 **(I) IS CONTROLLED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER;**

24 **(II) HAS CONTROLLED ACCESS; AND**

25 **(III) IS A PARKING LOT, PICNIC GROUND, BUILDING, OR**  
26 **TERRACE.**

27 **(3)** Beer, wine, and liquor purchased under the license may be taken and  
28 consumed anywhere in an entertainment facility.

29 (e) (1) The hours for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages under  
30 the license are the same as the hours of operation for a video lottery facility established  
31 under § 9-1A-23 of the State Government Article.

1           (2) A holder of the license need not obtain a Sunday permit under §  
2 11–2004 of this title to sell alcoholic beverages after 2 a.m. on Sunday.

3           (f) The license may not be counted as a Class B or Class H license for purposes of  
4 § 11–1609 of this title.

5           (g) (1) The annual fee for the license is \$15,000.

6                   (2) The fee shall be paid on or before May 1 to the Board.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
8 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
9 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to  
10 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
11 enacted.