

# HOUSE BILL 972

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C–3 License**

3 FOR the purpose of altering, in Harford County, the membership qualifications for a social  
4 organization that may be issued a certain 6–day or 7–day Class C–3 beer, wine, and  
5 liquor license by the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County; and  
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 22–102 and 22–909(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 22–909(b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 22–102.

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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 This title applies only in Harford County.

2 22-909.

3 (a) There is:

4 (1) a 6-day Class C-3 (country club, social organization, topiary garden, or  
5 yacht or boat club) beer, wine, and liquor license; and

6 (2) a 7-day Class C-3 (country club, social organization, topiary garden, or  
7 yacht or boat club) beer, wine, and liquor license.

8 (b) The Board may issue the 6-day license or the 7-day license for use by:

9 (1) a country club that:

10 (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;

11 (ii) has at least 75 members paying dues of at least \$50 per year per  
12 member; and

13 (iii) maintains a regular or championship golf course of at least nine  
14 holes or a swimming pool that is at least 20 by 40 feet;

15 (2) a social organization that:

16 (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;

17 (ii) has at least 100 members paying dues of at least \$200 per year  
18 per member;

19 (iii) has at least 51% of its membership consisting of:

20 1. active members of the armed forces of the United States;

21 2. veterans of the armed forces of the United States;

22 3. active or retired [policemen] **FIRST RESPONDERS**; and

23 4. the spouses and children of the eligible members under  
24 items 1 through 3 of this item;

25 (iv) is secured by electronic means and is accessible only to members  
26 and their guests over the age of 21;

27 (v) requires each server of alcoholic beverages at the social

1 organization to hold a certificate of completion from an approved alcohol awareness  
2 program as described in § 4-505 of this article;

3 (vi) has parking facilities to accommodate the vehicles of members  
4 and their guests;

5 (vii) is zoned for business or commercial use; and

6 (viii) maintains a list of all active members available for review by the  
7 Board of License Commissioners;

8 (3) a topiary garden that:

9 (i) operates a public museum and garden for the members of the  
10 topiary garden and the public as guests of the members;

11 (ii) is open to the public for at least 6 days a week for at least 6 hours  
12 a day during at least 5 months each year; and

13 (iii) has food preparation facilities on the premises for the  
14 convenience of guests; or

15 (4) a yacht or boat club that:

16 (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;

17 (ii) owns real property in the county; and

18 (iii) has at least 150 dues-paying members, of whom at least 50 own  
19 a yacht, boat, or other vessel.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
21 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.