

# HOUSE BILL 1272

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By: ~~Delegates Johnson and Lisanti~~ Harford County Delegation

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Harford County a resort complex license; authorizing  
4 the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue one resort complex  
5 license to a certain person; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell  
6 beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; establishing the days  
7 and times during which a license holder may serve alcoholic beverages; exempting  
8 the resort complex license from a certain license quota or restriction; establishing  
9 that certain areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the licensed premises;  
10 providing that a resort complex for which the license is issued is subject to certain  
11 alcohol awareness training requirements; establishing ~~a~~ certain license ~~fee~~ fees;  
12 defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in  
13 Harford County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

16 Section 22–102

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

21 Section 22–1005.2

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 22–102.

5 This title applies only in Harford County.

6 **22–1005.2.**

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

9 (1) OF AT LEAST 10 ACRES;

10 (2) UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; AND

11 (3) WITH FACILITIES THAT:

12 (I) INCLUDE LODGING, CONFERENCE SPACES, MEETING  
13 SPACES, ACTIVE OUTDOOR OPEN SPACES, WATERFRONT BEACH ACTIVITIES, OR A  
14 MARINA;

15 (II) SERVE THE PUBLIC; AND

16 (III) RESULTED IN A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST  
17 \$500,000 EXCLUSIVE OF THE COST OF THE LAND.

18 (B) THERE IS A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE.

19 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE TO THE  
20 PERSON OWNING, LEASING, OR OPERATING A RESORT COMPLEX.

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

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

26 (2) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT OPERATE  
27 AS A RESTAURANT;

1           **(3) BARS OR COUNTERS AT ONE OR MORE LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT**  
2 **COMPLEX DAILY FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;**

3           **(4) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR**  
4 **CULINARY EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE OFF-PREMISES**  
5 **CONSUMPTION; AND**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28           **(H) A RESORT COMPLEX FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED IS SUBJECT TO**  
29 **THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**  
30 **ARTICLE.**

1        ~~(H)~~ (1) (1)    THE ANNUAL INITIAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,500.

2                    (2)    BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021, THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$6,000.

3                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
4 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.