

Chapter 351

(Senate Bill 375)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hotel Lobby License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a hotel lobby license; authorizing a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption in accordance with certain requirements; establishing the hours of sale for the license; prohibiting a license holder from selling beer, wine, and liquor in a certain manner; establishing an annual license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–102, 22–1903, and 22–1904
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1004.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1004.1.

(A) THERE IS A HOTEL LOBBY LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A HOTEL THAT DOES NOT HAVE A RESTAURANT.

(C) (1) A LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM A STORE IN THE HOTEL LOBBY TO PATRONS OF THE HOTEL FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(2) BEER MAY BE SOLD ONLY IN A CAN OR BOTTLE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 12 OUNCES.

(3) WINE MAY BE SOLD ONLY IN A BOTTLE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 750 MILLILITERS.

(4) LIQUOR MAY BE SOLD ONLY IN A BOTTLE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 50 MILLILITERS.

(D) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR:

(1) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM NOON TO 10 P.M.; AND

(2) ON SUNDAY, FROM 11 A.M. TO 10 P.M.

(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR:

(1) THROUGH A VENDING MACHINE; OR

(2) BY STOCKING BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN A GUEST ROOM FOR PURCHASE.

(F) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,250.

22-1903.

(a) The license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity shall be:

(1) certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; and

(2) present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold.

(b) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:

(1) for the first offense, a \$100 fine; and

(2) for each subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 or a suspension or revocation of the license or both.

22-1904.

(a) A holder of a license with an on-sale privilege shall:

(1) keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts and expenditures in the form that the Board requires; and

(2) procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and other items bought for sale.

(b) An on-sale license holder shall keep the records required under subsection (a) of this section open to inspection by the Board or a designee of the Board.

(c) (1) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a Board officer, or any other person indicates that a holder of a license with an on-sale privilege is violating this title, the Board shall summon the license holder and conduct a hearing.

(2) If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board shall revoke the license holder's license immediately.

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

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.