

HOUSE BILL 12

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Economic Matters / Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegates C. Watson, C. Jackson, and Kerr**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Sale or Delivery for Off-Premises Consumption**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery
4 to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; *providing that*
5 *certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for*
6 *off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only in a jurisdiction in which*
7 *the local licensing board has adopted certain regulations;* authorizing the holders of
8 certain licenses that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant, bar, or
9 tavern to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption or delivery
10 under certain circumstances; prohibiting a local licensing board from charging a
11 certain license holder an additional fee under certain circumstances; authorizing a
12 local licensing board to limit the quantity of alcoholic beverages sold or delivered to
13 an individual in a single transaction; *requiring the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission*
14 *and the Maryland Department of Health jointly to conduct a certain study and submit*
15 *a certain report to the General Assembly;* providing for the termination of this Act;

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages at restaurants, bars, and
2 taverns.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
5 Section 4–507
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 4–1107
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 4–507.

17 (a) This section does not apply to:

18 (1) the delivery of wine from a direct wine shipper to a consumer using a
19 common carrier in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 1, Part V of this article; [or]

20 (2) the holder of a common carrier permit in the course of delivering
21 directly shipped wine in accordance with Title 2, Subtitle 1, Part V of this article; **OR**

22 **(3) THE DELIVERY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
23 **§ 4–1107 OF THIS TITLE.**

24 (b) Retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages is prohibited unless:

25 (1) a retail license holder obtains a letter of authorization from the local
26 licensing board to make deliveries; and

27 (2) the delivery is made from the licensed premises by the retail license
28 holder or an employee of the retail license holder.

29 4–1107.

30 **(A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN A JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE**
31 **LOCAL LICENSING BOARD HAS ADOPTED REGULATIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OR**

1 DELIVERY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

3 (2) IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS UNDER THIS
4 SECTION, A LOCAL LICENSING BOARD SHALL WEIGH THE NEED TO PROMOTE THE
5 ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE
6 WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE NEED TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH
7 AND WELFARE.

8 ~~(A)~~ (B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LICENSE THAT
9 AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES
10 CONSUMPTION ONLY AT A RESTAURANT, BAR, OR TAVERN.

11 (2) A LICENSE HOLDER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY SELL ANY
12 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AUTHORIZED UNDER ITS LICENSE, INCLUDING, IF
13 AUTHORIZED, ~~A MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL, IN A SEALED OR CLOSED CONTAINER~~
14 MIXED DRINKS OR COCKTAILS IN SEALED OR CLOSED CONTAINERS FOR
15 OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OR DELIVERY IF:

16 (I) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IS PURCHASED ALONG WITH
17 PREPARED FOOD OTHER THAN PREPACKAGED SNACKS;

18 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:

19 1. IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE;

20 2. PROVIDES VALID IDENTIFICATION AS PROOF OF AGE;

21 AND

22 3. IF THE SALE IS FOR DELIVERY, PROVIDES ANY
23 DOCUMENTATION THAT THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD REQUIRES;

24 (III) THE LICENSE HOLDER HAS REGISTERED AND RECEIVED
25 WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD TO SELL
26 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AUTHORIZED UNDER ITS LICENSE FOR OFF-PREMISES
27 CONSUMPTION OR DELIVERY;

28 (IV) EACH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SOLD FOR OFF-PREMISES
29 CONSUMPTION OR DELIVERY IS:

30 1. PROVIDED IN THE MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL
31 SEALED CONTAINER OR IN A CONTAINER CLOSED WITH A CAP, CORK, SEAL, OR LID
32 WITH NO HOLES FOR STRAWS OR SIPPING; AND

1 (III) EACH MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL SOLD FOR OFF-PREMISES
2 CONSUMPTION OR DELIVERY IS:

3 1. PROVIDED IN THE MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL
4 SEALED CONTAINER OR IN A CONTAINER CLOSED WITH A CAP, CORK, SEAL, OR LID
5 WITH NO HOLES FOR STRAWS OR SIPPING; AND

6 2. SOLD OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN 11 P.M.;

7 ~~(IV) THE DELIVERY OF THE MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL IS MADE~~
8 ~~FROM THE LICENSED PREMISES BY THE LICENSE HOLDER OR THE HOLDER'S~~
9 ~~EMPLOYEE TO THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING THE MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL; AND~~

10 (IV) THE DELIVERY OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IS MADE FROM
11 THE LICENSED PREMISES TO THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING THE ALCOHOLIC
12 BEVERAGE BY THE LICENSE HOLDER OR THE LICENSE HOLDER'S EMPLOYEE, WHO
13 IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD AND CERTIFIED IN AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM;
14 AND

15 (V) THE MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL IS NOT DELIVERED TO:

16 1. ANOTHER PREMISES LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC
17 BEVERAGES; OR

18 2. AN ADDRESS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE LICENSED
19 JURISDICTION.

20 ~~(C)~~ (D) A LOCAL LICENSING BOARD:

21 (1) MAY NOT CHARGE A LICENSE HOLDER AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR
22 SELLING OR DELIVERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
23 SECTION; AND

24 (2) MAY LIMIT THE QUANTITY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT MAY
25 BE SOLD OR DELIVERED UNDER THIS SECTION TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN A SINGLE
26 TRANSACTION.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Alcohol and Tobacco
28 Commission and the Maryland Department of Health shall jointly:

29 (1) conduct a study on the impact of the expansion of alcohol access under
30 the Governor's proclamation of March 5, 2020 "Declaration of State of Emergency and
31 Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency – COVID-19" and § 4-1107 of the Alcoholic

1 Beverages Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022,
2 including the impact on public health; and

3 (2) on or before December 31, 2022, report to the General Assembly, in
4 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the findings of the study.

5 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
7 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated
8 and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.