

## Chapter 798

**(House Bill 1494)**

AN ACT concerning

**Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class MT (Movie Theater) License**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain certification; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board to set ~~the hours and days of sale for the license and the annual license fee~~ certain limitations on and requirements for the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 23–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 23–1004.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

23–102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

**23–1004.2.**

**(A) THERE IS A CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

**(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A MOVIE THEATER THAT HOLDS A CROWD CONTROL TRAINING CERTIFICATION.**

**(C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET TO A CURRENT OR FUTURE SHOWING OF A MOVIE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.**

**(D) THE BOARD MAY SET:**

**(1) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE FOR THE LICENSE; ~~AND~~**

**(2) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND**

**(3) ANY OTHER LIMITATIONS ON AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE THAT THE BOARD CONSIDERS NECESSARY.**

**(E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the holder of an alcoholic beverages license for a movie theater in Howard County may renew the license only as a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license under § 23–1004.2 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.**