

HOUSE BILL 1494

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2025

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 23–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 23–1004.2
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

23 23–102.

24 This title applies only in Howard County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **23-1004.2.**

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

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

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

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

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

12 (2) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE.**

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

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

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2025.