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February 17, 2026

Finance Committee

Attn: Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B (Golf Course) License – Hours of Sale;
Bill No. Senate Bill 700

Dear Senator Pamela Beidle and Members of the Finance Committee,

The Wicomico County Council is pleased to express its support for Senate Bill No. 700 to amend Section 32-1003 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to Allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for Golf Course License holders beginning at 7:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

This amendment would bring Wicomico County in line with neighboring jurisdictions on the Eastern Shore that currently permit earlier sales on golf courses. Aligning the authorized hours would enable local golf courses to remain competitive when hosting tournaments and special events. These events draw visitors to our county, support tourism, and generate additional economic activity for local businesses.

We respectfully request the Delegation's favorable consideration of this proposed amendment as currently drafted.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



John T. Cannon, Council President

Enclosure

cc: Wicomico County Council
Wicomico County Delegation
Wicomico County Executive
Bunky Luffman, Director of Administration

SENATE BILL 700

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CF HB 754

By: **Wicomico County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B (Golf Course) License –**
3 **Hours of Sale**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the hours during which a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and
5 liquor (golf course) license in Wicomico County may sell alcoholic beverages; and
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
9 Section 32–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 32–1003
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

20 32–102

21 This title applies only in Wicomico County.

22 32–1003.

23 (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (golf course) license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Board of License Commissioners may issue the license for the use of a golf
2 course or organization that:

- 3 (1) is open to the public;
- 4 (2) is operated for profit;
- 5 (3) owns real estate in the county; and
- 6 (4) has a golf course with a minimum of 18 holes.

7 (c) (1) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption on
8 the land and in the buildings, including the clubhouse, used for golfing purposes.

9 (2) A patron need not be seated to be served.

10 (d) A holder of the license may sell beer, wine, and liquor:

- 11 (1) on Monday through Saturday, from [10 a.m.] 7 A.M. to 2 a.m. the
12 following day; and
- 13 (2) on Sunday, from [10 a.m.] 7 A.M. to midnight.

14 (e) The annual license fee is \$2,200.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2026.