

# HOUSE BILL 443

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C Veterans’ Organization or**  
3 **Club License**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization or club)  
5 license in Somerset County to purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail dealer; and  
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
9 Section 29–102  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
14 Section 29–1002  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2023 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 29–102.

21 This title applies only in Somerset County.

22 29–1002.

23 (a) There is a Class C (veterans’ organization or club) beer, wine, and liquor

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 license.

2 (b) The Board may issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide  
3 nonprofit veterans' organization or club that:

4 (1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the  
5 United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

6 (2) has held a charter from the national veterans' organization or club for  
7 at least 1 year before the license application was made;

8 (3) has at least 35 members paying dues of at least \$4 per year per member;  
9 and

10 (4) owns or operates a home or clubhouse that is only for the use of its  
11 members and guests when accompanied by members.

12 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail  
13 at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption.

14 (d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days  
15 as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 29-2004 of this title.

16 (e) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE LICENSE**  
17 **HOLDER MAY PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM A RETAIL DEALER.**

18 (F) The annual license fee is \$316.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2024.