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By: **Senator Watson**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Nonprofit**
3 **Organizations**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's
5 County to issue a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) alcoholic beverages
6 license for use by an independent nonprofit organization that meets certain
7 membership requirements; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
8 Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 26–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 26–1011
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

22 26–102.

23 This title applies only in Prince George's County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 26–1011.

2 (a) There is a Class C (fraternal/sororal/service organization) beer, wine, and
3 liquor license.

4 (b) The Board may issue the license for use by:

5 (1) a local unit of a lodge or chapter of a nonprofit and nationwide fraternal,
6 sororal, or service organization that:

7 [(1)] (I) is composed solely of inducted members;

8 [(2)] (II) was operating in the county before the license application was
9 made;

10 [(3)] (III) has at least 100 members paying dues of at least \$5 per year per
11 member; and

12 [(4)] (IV) owns or operates a home or clubhouse that is principally for the
13 use of its members and guests when accompanied by members; OR

14 (2) AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE
15 MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED SOLELY OF MEMBERS OF A NATIONWIDE FRATERNAL OR
16 SORORAL ORGANIZATION.

17 (c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor
18 by the glass or by the bottle for on–premises consumption by a member or guest
19 accompanied by a member.

20 (2) The license holder may allow a person that has leased a private room
21 or other area of the licensed premises for a private social gathering to bring beer, wine, and
22 liquor onto the licensed premises for on–premises consumption.

23 (d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days
24 as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 26–2004 of this title, except
25 that restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday do not apply.

26 (e) The annual license fee is \$910.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2024.