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By: **Harford County Senators**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the scope of the Harford County stadium alcoholic  
4 beverages license to include the sale of liquor under certain circumstances;  
5 expanding the scope of the individuals and entities to whom the stadium license  
6 may be issued; defining certain terms; setting forth certain limitations with  
7 respect to where liquor may be served during baseball games, the kinds of  
8 containers that alcoholic beverages must be served in, and the kinds of  
9 dispensers to be used for alcoholic beverages; increasing the annual fee for the  
10 stadium alcoholic beverages license; requiring the prior written approval of the  
11 Harford County Liquor Control Board for certain activities; making stylistic  
12 changes; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the  
13 Harford County stadium alcoholic beverages license.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 8-213.1 and 11-513  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 8-213.1.

23 (a) This section applies only in Harford County.

24 (b) There is a stadium [beer and light wine] on-sale license in Harford  
25 County.

26 (c) (1) The Liquor Control Board may issue a stadium [beer and light wine  
27 on-sale license] ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE FOR A STADIUM OWNED BY THE  
28 CITY OF ABERDEEN COVERING ON-PREMISES SALE OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR to

1 the owner [or lessee], LESSEE, OR CONCESSION MANAGER of a professional baseball  
2 stadium for use on the [stadium] LICENSED premises.

3 (2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION:

4 (I) "CONCESSION MANAGER" MEANS A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL OR  
5 SINGLE ENTITY CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE AND SUPERVISE  
6 COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES BY  
7 CONCESSIONAIRES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

8 (II) "LICENSED PREMISES" INCLUDES THE STADIUM FACILITY AND  
9 STADIUM PARKING LOTS.

10 (d) (1) [A] SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
11 SUBSECTION, A stadium [beer and light wine on-sale] ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
12 license authorizes the holder to sell beer [and, if sold with a meal, light wine], WINE,  
13 AND LIQUOR on the licensed premises:

14 [(1)] (I) For consumption only on the licensed premises;

15 [(2)] (I) In a plastic, styrofoam, or paper container, except that a glass  
16 container may be used in an enclosed dining area in which patrons are seated;

17 (3) To a person present:

18 (i) At a baseball game in which the team of the licensee or lessee is  
19 playing; or

20 (ii) At another event that is held at the stadium;] and

21 [(4)] (II) During the hours and days for sale specified in § 11-513 of this  
22 article.

23 (2) THE SALE, SERVING, OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
24 ON THE PARKING LOTS OF THE STADIUM MAY BE ALLOWED ONLY WITH THE PRIOR  
25 WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

26 (E) THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS SHALL APPLY:

27 (1) ALL INDIVIDUALS SERVING BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR SHALL HOLD  
28 VALID CERTIFICATES FROM AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE  
29 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD;

30 (2) DURING A BASEBALL GAME, LIQUOR MAY ONLY BE SERVED ON THE  
31 CLUB LEVEL OR DINING AREA IN WHICH PATRONS ARE SEATED;

32 (3) DURING A BASEBALL GAME, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE  
33 SERVED IN A PLASTIC, STYROFOAM, OR PAPER CONTAINER, EXCEPT THAT A GLASS  
34 CONTAINER MAY BE USED ON THE CLUB LEVEL OR DINING AREA IN WHICH PATRONS  
35 ARE SEATED; AND

1 (4) (I) EXCEPT ON THE CLUB LEVEL OR DINING AREA IN WHICH  
 2 PATRONS ARE SEATED, ALL BEER AND WINE DISPENSED DURING A BASEBALL GAME  
 3 SHALL BE DISPENSED ONLY FROM A STATIONARY STRUCTURE, LOCATED WITHIN  
 4 THE STADIUM, EQUIPPED WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE SCANNER;  
 5 AND

6 (II) NO ROVING VENDORS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DISPENSE BEER,  
 7 WINE, OR LIQUOR.

8 [(e)] (F) The annual license fee is [\$5,000] \$10,000.

9 [(f)] (G) Except for a wholesaler of beer [or wine], WINE, OR LIQUOR who is  
 10 conducting business with the licensee under this section, a licensee may not allow a  
 11 person to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

12 11-513.

13 (a) The provisions of this section apply in Harford County only.

14 (b) (1) A licensee may sell, offer for [sale] SALE, or dispense alcoholic  
 15 beverages [or light wine]:

16 (i) On Monday through Sunday; and

17 (ii) Only between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following morning.

18 (2) A Class B-4 (seafood restaurant) licensee may offer to sell beer and  
 19 wine:

20 (i) On Mondays through Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.;;  
 21 and

22 (ii) On Sundays from 12 noon to 11:00 p.m.

23 (3) [(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a  
 24 stadium beer and light wine licensee under § 8-213.1 of this article may sell or offer  
 25 to sell beer or light wine:

26 1. Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 9 p.m.; and

27 2. Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

28 (ii)] During a baseball game only, a licensee may not sell alcoholic  
 29 beverages:

30 [1.] (I) After the beginning of the eighth inning; or

31 [2.] (II) During a doubleheader game, after the beginning of  
 32 the sixth inning of the second game.

33 (c) A licensee may not:

1           (1)       Allow alcoholic beverages [or light wine] to be consumed on [his]  
2 THE LICENSEE'S premises after 2:15 a.m. or before 8:00 a.m. the same morning; or

3           (2)       Allow alcoholic beverages glasses, bottles, or containers to remain on  
4 tables or serving counters after 2:30 a.m.

5       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an  
6 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health  
7 or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the  
8 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take  
9 effect from the date it is enacted.