

# SENATE BILL 552

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By: **Senators Glassman, Jacobs, and Jennings**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Liquor Control Board – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing in Harford County the Liquor Control Board to issue a  
4 7–day Class D beer (on–sale) license to the holder of a Class 5 brewery license;  
5 providing for an annual license fee; requiring the Liquor Control Board to  
6 decide the number of certain licenses to be issued and to adopt certain  
7 regulations; repealing a certain restriction on the use of a corporate dining room  
8 in an establishment for which a certain Class H–CC (corporate club/conference  
9 center) license is issued; authorizing the holder a Class H–CC license to keep for  
10 sale and sell beer, wine, and liquor in certain other rooms and areas and to hold  
11 certain additional events; authorizing liquor to be consumed throughout the  
12 premises for which a stadium license has been issued; authorizing alcoholic  
13 beverages to be served in aluminum containers during a baseball game;  
14 repealing a certain restriction on the dispensing of beer and wine during a  
15 baseball game; removing the County from a list of counties requiring a certain  
16 certificate to be filed for license applications; authorizing the Board and general  
17 manager to appoint additional inspectors to provide appropriate control over all  
18 newly created licensees; and generally relating to the Liquor Control Board and  
19 alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
21 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
22 Section 8–213.1(a)  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

25 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
26 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
27 Section 6–201(n)(6), 8–213.1(e), 10–103(b)(18), and 15–112(n)  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland  
29 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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 2 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
 3 Section 3–401(n)  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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 7 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
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 10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

14 3–401.

15 [(n) This section does not apply in Harford County.]

16 (N) (1) **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HARFORD COUNTY.**

17 (2) **THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE A 7–DAY CLASS D**  
 18 **BEER (ON–SALE) LICENSE TO THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE.**

19 (3) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.**

20 (4) **THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD SHALL:**

21 (I) **DECIDE THE NUMBER OF CLASS D LICENSES TO BE**  
 22 **ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

23 (II) **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.**

24 6–201.

25 (n) (6) (i) There is a Class H–CC (corporate club/conference center)  
 26 beer, wine, and liquor license.

27 (ii) The Liquor Control Board may issue the Class H–CC license  
 28 for an establishment with:

29 1. A banquet room, conference room, or meeting room  
 30 that is suitable for public gatherings and equipped with food preparation facilities; and

1                   2.     Subject to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, a  
2 corporate dining room that is reserved for members of a private club and their guests.

3                   (iii)   A corporate dining room described in subparagraph (ii)2 of  
4 this paragraph:

5                   1.     Shall be equipped for the sale of food; **AND**

6                   2.     May be used [only] by a private club of at least 25  
7 members who pay an annual membership fee[; and

8                   3.     May not be used for any purpose other than for the  
9 benefit of the club].

10                  (iv)    The holder of a Class H–CC license may:

11                   1.     Keep for sale and sell beer, wine, [or] **AND** liquor  
12 during an event contracted with another person in [any]:

13                   A.     **ANY** of the rooms described in subparagraph (ii) **OR**  
14 **(III)** of this paragraph; and [in other]

15                   B.     **OTHER** areas of the licensed establishment that are  
16 approved by the Liquor Control Board;

17                   2.     Hold multiple events in the licensed establishment  
18 simultaneously;

19                   3.     Contract to provide beer, wine, and liquor at an event  
20 held off the licensed establishment if the event is in Harford County and the holder  
21 also contracts to provide food for consumption at the event; and

22                   4.     May not hold more than [one] **FOUR** self-sponsored  
23 [event] **EVENTS** per year in the banquet, conference, or meeting room.

24                  (v)     The annual license fee is \$3,000.

25                  (vi)    Not more than six Class H–CC licenses may be in effect at a  
26 time.

27 8–213.1.

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

29                  (e)     The following limitations shall apply:

1 (1) All individuals serving beer, wine, or liquor shall hold valid  
2 certificates from an alcohol awareness program approved by the Liquor Control Board;

3 (2) During a baseball game, liquor [may]:

4 (I) **MAY** only be served on the club level or dining area in which  
5 patrons [are] **MAY BE** seated; **BUT**

6 (II) **MAY BE CONSUMED THROUGHOUT THE PREMISES;**

7 (3) During a baseball game, alcoholic beverages must be served in a  
8 plastic, styrofoam, **ALUMINUM**, or paper container, except that a glass container may  
9 be used on the club level [or dining area in which patrons are seated]; and

10 (4) [(i) Except on the club level or dining area in which patrons are  
11 seated, all beer and wine dispensed during a baseball game shall be dispensed only  
12 from a stationary structure, located within the stadium, equipped with a motor vehicle  
13 driver's license scanner; and

14 (ii) No roving vendors shall be allowed to dispense beer, wine, or  
15 liquor.

16 10-103.

17 (b) (18) (i) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who are owners  
18 of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be  
19 conducted, stating the length of time each has been acquainted with the applicant, or  
20 in the case of a corporation with the individuals making the application; that they  
21 have examined the application of the applicant and that they have good reason to  
22 believe that all the statements contained in this application are true, and that they are  
23 of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license. The  
24 certificate must have a statement that the signers of it are familiar with the premises  
25 upon which the proposed business is to be conducted, and that they believe the  
26 premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of a retail dealer in alcoholic  
27 beverages.

28 (ii) In St. Mary's County, persons who are owners of real estate  
29 within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought and registered voters of St.  
30 Mary's County shall be those persons signing the certificate.

31 (iii) The certificate required by subparagraph (i) of this  
32 paragraph is not necessary for applications filed in Dorchester County, Prince George's  
33 County, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, [and] Baltimore County, **AND**  
34 **HARFORD COUNTY.**

1 15-112.

2 (n) (1) This subsection applies only in Harford County.

3 (2) In addition to any inspector who is serving prior to July 1, 1979,  
4 the Board and general manager may appoint additional inspectors as necessary to  
5 provide appropriate control over newly created [Class A off-sale] licensees.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 2014.