

HOUSE BILL 697

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By: **Delegates Otto and Carozza**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor**
3 **License**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that prohibits the issuance of a
5 Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; establishing a Class A
6 beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; specifying the scope of
7 authorization of the license; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License
8 Commissioners to issue the license for an establishment that is outside a certain
9 distance of a Worcester County owned or operated retail dispensary; authorizing the
10 Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for an
11 establishment that is within a certain distance of a Worcester County owned or
12 operated dispensary, with the consent of the Worcester County Commissioners;
13 specifying a certain annual fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; and
14 generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

15 BY repealing

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 33–901

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
20 Assembly of 2016)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

23 Section 33–901

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
26 Assembly of 2016)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages

[33–901.

A Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may not be issued in the County.]

33–901.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE.

(2) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL SELL THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN A SEALED PACKAGE OR CONTAINER.

(3) THE PACKAGE OR CONTAINER MAY NOT BE OPENED AND ITS CONTENTS MAY NOT BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES WHERE THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IS SOLD.

(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS OUTSIDE A 10–MILE RADIUS OF A COUNTY–OWNED OR COUNTY–OPERATED DISPENSARY.

(2) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS WITHIN A 10–MILE RADIUS OF A COUNTY–OWNED OR COUNTY–OPERATED DISPENSARY IF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSENT.

(D) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$4,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.