

# SENATE BILL 967

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By: **Senator Mathias**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester  
5 County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an  
6 individual for use at a certain store or certain establishments under certain  
7 conditions; providing that a certain distance restriction expires on the earlier of  
8 certain dates; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor  
9 at the place described in the license for off–premises consumption under certain  
10 conditions; providing for an annual license fee and hours and days of sale; and  
11 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Worcester County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 33–102

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

19 Section 33–901

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

22 BY adding to

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
 2 Section 33–2005(a)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

7 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

8 33–102.

9 This title applies only in Worcester County.

10 33–901.

11 (A) [A] THERE IS A Class A beer, wine, and liquor license [may not be issued in  
 12 the County].

13 (B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR USE  
 14 AT:

15 (I) A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
 16 LIQUOR CONTROL;

17 (II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN  
 18 ESTABLISHMENT OUTSIDE A 10–BLOCK RADIUS OF A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED  
 19 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL THAT IS IN OCEAN CITY; OR

20 (III) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN  
 21 ESTABLISHMENT OUTSIDE A 1–MILE RADIUS OF A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY  
 22 THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL THAT IS NOT IN OCEAN CITY.

23 (2) A DISTANCE RESTRICTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OR  
 24 (III) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON ISSUING LICENSES TO ESTABLISHMENTS EXPIRES ON  
 25 THE EARLIER OF:

26 (I) JULY 1, 2017; OR

27 (II) THE DATE A LICENSE IS ISSUED FOR USE BY A STORE  
 28 PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL TO WHICH THE  
 29 DISTANCE RESTRICTION APPLIES.

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

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

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

6           ~~(C)~~ **(D) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$4,500.**

7 33-2005.

8           **(A) A HOLDER OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE MAY SELL**  
9 **BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M.**  
10 **THE FOLLOWING DAY.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2016.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.