

Chapter 429

(House Bill 892)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Movie Theater License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) license in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an owner of a movie theater; requiring the owner of a movie theater to provide certain documentation to the Board to be eligible for the license; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer ~~and wine,~~ wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; specifying the hours and days of sale; requiring that beer, wine, and liquor be sold only in a certain manner; providing that a movie theater for which the license is issued is subject to certain alcohol awareness training requirements and shall offer for sale food other than candy and popcorn; specifying a certain annual license fee; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 22-1005.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ ~~(S.B. _____)(Ch 1406)~~ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

22-1005.1.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) BEER ~~AND WINE,~~ WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY THE OWNER OF A MOVIE THEATER.

(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE LICENSE, THE OWNER OF A MOVIE THEATER IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE BOARD THAT THE OWNER HAS MADE AN INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$250,000 IN THE MOVIE THEATER.

(C) (1) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER ~~AND WINE~~, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ~~DURING THE SAME HOURS AND~~ FROM 4 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT ON THE DAYS THAT THE MOVIE THEATER IS OPEN.

(2) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR MAY BE SOLD ONLY:

(I) IN SINGLE-SERVE CONTAINERS; AND

(II) FROM A COUNTER SEPARATE FROM A COUNTER SERVING CANDY, POPCORN, AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

(3) A MOVIE THEATER FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED:

(I) IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(II) SHALL OFFER FOR SALE FOOD OTHER THAN CANDY AND POPCORN.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.