

SENATE BILL 492

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By: **Washington County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class CT (Cinema/Theater License)**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a Class CT (cinema/theater) license in
4 Washington County so that the license may be issued only for a cinema or theater
5 that is not in an enclosed shopping mall but rather in a stand-alone building with
6 certain characteristics; altering the days that a license holder may exercise the
7 privileges of the license; altering the termination provisions of certain Acts regarding
8 cinema/theater licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
9 Washington County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 31-102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 31-1001.1
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 31–102.

5 This title applies only in Washington County.

6 31–1001.1.

7 (a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

8 (b) The Board may issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that:

9 (1) is **NOT IN AN ENCLOSED SHOPPING MALL BUT RATHER** in a
10 **STAND–ALONE** building that is designed or used primarily for the exhibition of motion
11 pictures to the public;

12 (2) has a capacity to hold at least 100 permanently installed seats; and

13 (3) has a minimum of six movie theater rooms.

14 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the
15 license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption:

16 (i) by the drink, bottle, and can;

17 (ii) 1. in a designated area of the lobby, for 45 minutes before a
18 movie starts; and

19 2. in a VIP room that holds special events, for the 45 minutes
20 before a movie starts and during the showing of the movie; and

21 (iii) to an individual who has a ticket to a movie and proper
22 identification.

23 (2) A license holder may exercise the privileges of the license [only on
24 Thursdays] **FROM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.**

25 (3) A license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor without serving food.

26 (4) An individual serving beer, wine, and liquor:

27 (i) may not mix the contents of one bottle with the contents of
28 another bottle; and

1 (ii) shall dispose of or destroy all empty bottles and cans.

2 (d) (1) A license holder shall:

3 (i) obtain a crowd control training certificate from a program that is
4 certified by the Board; and

5 (ii) while selling beer, wine, and liquor, have one certified crowd
6 control manager on the licensed premises for every 250 individuals present.

7 (2) Notwithstanding § 31-1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require
8 one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the
9 licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.

10 (e) The annual license fee is \$1,000.

11 Chapter 586 of the Acts of 2016

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on
13 July 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of [15] **2 YEARS AND 3** months and, at
14 the end of October 1, [2017] **2018**, with no further action required by the General
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