

# SENATE BILL 621

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Supermarket License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County  
4 to issue a Class A beer license or a Class A beer and wine license to a certain  
5 supermarket under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally  
6 relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 19–102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 19–1501

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

19 Section 19–1504

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

25 19–102.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 This title applies only in Dorchester County.

2 19–1501.

3 (a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local  
4 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

5 (1) § 4–202 (“Authority of local licensing boards”);

6 (2) [§ 4–205 (“Chain store, supermarket, or discount house”);]

7 [(3)] § 4–206 (“Limitations on retail sales floor space”);

8 [(4)] (3) § 4–207 (“Licenses issued to minors”);

9 [(5)] (4) § 4–209 (“Hearing”);

10 [(6)] (5) § 4–210 (“Approval or denial of license application”);

11 [(7)] (6) § 4–211 (“License forms; effective date; expiration”);

12 [(8)] (7) § 4–212 (“License not property”);

13 [(9)] (8) § 4–213 (“Replacement licenses”); and

14 [(10)] (9) § 4–214 (“Waiting periods after denial of license applications”).

15 (b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local  
16 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

17 (1) § 4–203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or  
18 for use of entity”), subject to § 19–1502 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle  
19 16, Part II of this title;

20 (2) § 4–204 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same  
21 premises”), subject to § 19–1502 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III of this title; [and]

22 (3) **§ 4–205 (“CHAIN STORE, SUPERMARKET, OR DISCOUNT HOUSE”),**  
23 **SUBJECT TO § 19–1504 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

24 (4) § 4–208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 19–1503  
25 of this subtitle.

26 **19–1504.**

1           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SUPERMARKET” MEANS A RETAIL GROCERY STORE**  
2 **OR FOOD STORE THAT CONTAINS A SALES AREA OF NOT LESS THAN 16,900 SQUARE**  
3 **FEET IN WHICH AT LEAST 80% OF THE SALES AREA IS DEVOTED TO THE RETAIL SALE**  
4 **OF FOOD AND FOOD-RELATED PRODUCTS.**

5           **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSES TO A**  
6 **SUPERMARKET IF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE KEPT AND OFFERED FOR SALE IN AN**  
7 **ENCLOSED AREA THAT IS SEPARATED FROM THE MAIN SALES AREA BY PERMANENT**  
8 **WALLS OR PARTITIONS THAT ARE AT LEAST 8 FEET HIGH:**

9                   **(1) A CLASS A BEER LICENSE; OR**

10                   **(2) A CLASS A BEER AND WINE LICENSE.**

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2017.