

HOUSE BILL 1498

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By: **Delegate Lisanti**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2018

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Social Organization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain social organization in Harford County to seek
4 certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; requiring a social
5 organization seeking a license to meet certain criteria; authorizing a social
6 organization to sell alcoholic beverages during certain times; and generally relating
7 social organizations in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 22–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 22–909

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 22–102.

22 This title applies only in Harford County.

23 22–909.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) There is:

2 (1) a 6-day Class C-3 (country club, SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, topiary
3 garden, or yacht or boat club) beer, wine, and liquor license; and

4 (2) a 7-day Class C-3 (country club, SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, topiary
5 garden, or yacht or boat club) beer, wine, and liquor license.

6 (b) The Board may issue the 6-day license or the 7-day license for use by:

7 (1) a country club that:

8 (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;

9 (ii) has at least 75 members paying dues of at least \$50 per year per
10 member; and

11 (iii) maintains a regular or championship golf course of at least nine
12 holes or a swimming pool that is at least 20 by 40 feet;

13 (2) **A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION THAT:**

14 **(I) MAY BE OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT;**

15 **(II) HAS AT LEAST 100 MEMBERS PAYING DUES OF AT LEAST**
16 **\$200 PER YEAR PER MEMBER;**

17 **(III) HAS AT LEAST 51% OF ITS MEMBERSHIP CONSISTING OF:**

18 **1. ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**
19 **UNITED STATES;**

20 **2. VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED**
21 **STATES;**

22 **3. ACTIVE OR RETIRED POLICEMEN AND THE SPOUSES**
23 **AND CHILDREN OF THE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS UNDER ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3 OF THIS**
24 **ITEM;**

25 **(IV) IS SECURED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS AND IS ACCESSIBLE**
26 **ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS OVER THE AGE OF 21;**

27 **(V) REQUIRES EACH SERVER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT**
28 **THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATION TO HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM AN**

1 APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN § 4-505 OF THIS
2 ARTICLE;

3 (VI) HAS PARKING FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE
4 VEHICLES OF MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS;

5 (VII) IS ZONED FOR BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL USE; AND

6 (VIII) MAINTAINS A LIST OF ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS AVAILABLE
7 FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

8 (3) a topiary garden that:

9 (i) operates a public museum and garden for the members of the
10 topiary garden and the public as guests of the members;

11 (ii) is open to the public for at least 6 days a week for at least 6 hours
12 a day during at least 5 months each year; and

13 (iii) has food preparation facilities on the premises for the
14 convenience of guests; or

15 [(3)](4) a yacht or boat club that:

16 (i) may be operated for profit or not for profit;

17 (ii) owns real property in the county; and

18 (iii) has at least 150 dues-paying members, of whom at least 50 own
19 a yacht, boat, or other vessel.

20 (c) (1) The 6-day license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide beer,
21 wine, and liquor from Monday through Saturday at a club at the place described in the
22 license, for on-premises consumption by members and guests.

23 (2) The 7-day license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide beer,
24 wine, and liquor from Monday through Sunday at a club at the place described in the
25 license, for on-premises consumption by members and guests.

26 (d) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
27 license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out under
28 § 22-2004(f) of this title.

29 (2) A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION GRANTED A LICENSE UNDER THIS
30 SECTION MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM
31 4 P.M. TO 11 P.M.

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1 (e) (1) The annual fee for the 6–day license is \$1,300.

2 (2) The annual fee for the 7–day license is \$1,400.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2018.