

Chapter 590

**(House Bill 198)**

AN ACT concerning

**Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Basket of Cheer Permit**

FOR the purpose of establishing a basket of cheer permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to grant the permit to certain nonprofit organizations; providing that the permit authorizes the permit holder to provide as a prize at a benefit performance a basket of cheer, consisting of certain alcoholic beverages; specifying that the alcoholic beverages contained in a basket of cheer shall be for off-premises consumption; setting a fee for the permit; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages permits in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 32–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 32–1313  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

32–102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

**32–1313.**

**(A) THERE IS A BASKET OF CHEER PERMIT.**

**(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED BY § 501(C) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

**(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE PERMIT HOLDER TO PROVIDE AS A PRIZE**

**AT A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE A BASKET OF CHEER, CONSISTING OF:**

**(1) FOR A HOLDER OF A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER AND WINE LICENSE, NOT MORE THAN:**

**(I) 288 OUNCES OF BEER; AND**

**(II) 2.25 LITERS OF WINE; AND**

**(2) FOR A HOLDER OF A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE, NOT MORE THAN:**

**(I) 288 OUNCES OF BEER;**

**(II) 2.25 LITERS OF WINE; AND**

**(III) 2.25 LITERS OF LIQUOR.**

**(D) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTAINED IN A BASKET OF CHEER SHALL BE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

**(E) THE PERMIT FEES ARE:**

**(1) \$30 PER EVENT FOR THE HOLDER OF A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER AND WINE LICENSE; AND**

**(2) \$45 PER EVENT FOR THE HOLDER OF A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.**