

# HOUSE BILL 963

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – On–Sale License Record Keeping and**  
3 **Enforcement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a holder of a license with an on–sale privilege in Harford  
5 County to keep certain records at the location designated in the license or another  
6 location in the county; requiring a certain license holder, on a certain number of days'  
7 notice, to make certain records available for inspection by the Board of License  
8 Commissioners for Harford County or a designee of the Board; requiring the Board  
9 to impose a certain fine under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to  
10 suspend a certain license under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
11 alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 22–102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
19 Section 22–1904  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

3 22–102.

4 This title applies only in Harford County.

5 22–1904.

6 (a) A holder of a license with an on–sale privilege shall:

7 (1) keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts and  
8 expenditures in the form that the Board requires; and

9 (2) procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and  
10 other items bought for sale.

11 (b) An on–sale license holder shall:

12 (1) keep the records required under subsection (a) of this section [open to]  
13 **AT THE LOCATION DESIGNATED IN THE LICENSE OR ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE**  
14 **COUNTY; AND**

15 (2) **ON AT LEAST 5 DAYS’ NOTICE, MAKE THE RECORDS AVAILABLE**  
16 **FOR** inspection by the Board or a designee of the Board.

17 (c) (1) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a  
18 Board officer, or any other person indicates that a holder of a license with an on–sale  
19 privilege is violating this title, the Board shall summon the license holder and conduct a  
20 hearing.

21 (2) If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board:

22 (I) shall **IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$250 AND NOT MORE**  
23 **THAN \$2,000; AND**

24 (II) **MAY SUSPEND OR** revoke the license holder’s license  
25 immediately.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2020.