

# HOUSE BILL 963

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2020

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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)

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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,  
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

25 22–102.

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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 Harford County.

2 22–1904.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 (II) **MAY SUSPEND OR** revoke the license holder’s license  
22 immediately.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
24 1, 2020.