

# SENATE BILL 100

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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor**  
3 **License**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester  
5 County, rather than the Dorchester County Council, to issue a Class C beer, wine,  
6 and liquor license; altering the authorized holders of the license; requiring the Board,  
7 rather than the County Council, to remit the license fee under certain circumstances;  
8 making conforming changes; and generally relating to Class C beer, wine, and liquor  
9 licenses in Dorchester County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 19–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
17 Section 19–903  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 19–102.

24 This title applies only in Dorchester County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 19-903.

2 (a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

3 (b) The [County Council] **BOARD** may issue the license for use by:

4 (1) a yacht club and country and golf club that:

5 (i) has been incorporated for at least 5 years before filing the  
6 application for the license;

7 (ii) has at least 250 members paying dues of at least \$10 per year  
8 per adult member;

9 (iii) has facilities for preparing and serving food on the premises to  
10 members and guests when accompanied by members; and

11 (iv) owns or operates a clubhouse that is on the premises and  
12 principally used for its members and guests;

13 (2) a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit organization or club composed  
14 only of members who served in the armed forces of the United States in a war in which the  
15 United States has been engaged that:

16 (i) has a charter from a national veterans' organization that was  
17 granted at least 5 years before the application for the license was made;

18 (ii) has at least 50 members paying dues of at least \$5 per year per  
19 member;

20 (iii) operates only for the use of its members and guests when  
21 accompanied by members; and

22 (iv) meets in a clubhouse principally used for its members and  
23 guests;

24 (3) a lodge or chapter of a nonprofit and nationwide fraternal organization  
25 that:

26 (i) is composed of inducted members;

27 (ii) has been operating in the county for at least 5 years before the  
28 application for the license was made;

29 (iii) has at least 125 members paying dues of at least \$5 per year per  
30 member; and

1 (iv) owns or operates a home or clubhouse principally for the use of  
2 its members and guests when accompanied by members; or

3 (4) [the] A nonprofit organization[, Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc.,]  
4 **OPERATING ON THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 200 BYRN STREET, CAMBRIDGE,**  
5 **KNOWN AS GOVERNORS HALL AT SAILWINDS PARK,** so long as an individual or group  
6 of individuals does not derive personal profits from the operation of the organization.

7 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a club  
8 at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption.

9 (d) When alcoholic beverages are served at an event open to the public at  
10 **GOVERNORS HALL AT Sailwinds [of Cambridge, Inc.] PARK,** the license holder:

11 (1) may distribute a wristband at the event to each individual who is at  
12 least 21 years old; and

13 (2) if wristbands are distributed at the event, may not serve an alcoholic  
14 beverage to an individual who is not wearing a wristband.

15 (e) (1) The annual license fee is \$1,000.

16 (2) The [County Council] **BOARD** shall remit the license fee:

17 (i) if the licensed premises is in a municipality, to the governing  
18 body of the municipality; or

19 (ii) if the licensed premises is not in a municipality, to the Finance  
20 Department of the county.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2020.