

Chapter 322

(House Bill 777)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County Alcohol Act of 2020

FOR the purpose of altering the days and hours of sale under a Class B wine shop and lounge license in Kent County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Kent County to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to certain license holders; establishing an application process, hours of sale, and fees for the permit; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C multiple event beer, wine, and liquor license; providing that the license entitles the license holder to exercise certain privileges at certain events held by a volunteer fire company; limiting the number of days that the license may be used; providing for the license application; providing that the license is issued for a single premises to certain applicants; requiring a server certified by an approved alcohol awareness program to be on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served under the license; establishing the annual fees for the license; prohibiting the Board from issuing a certain refund under certain circumstances; authorizing a volunteer fire company in the county to store certain alcoholic beverages on certain premises in a certain manner; requiring a certain license holder to keep certain records in a certain manner for certain purposes; requiring the records to be available for inspection; authorizing certain personnel to inspect certain premises; establishing penalties for certain violations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Kent County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 24–1102
to be Section 24–1103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 24–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 24–1003 and 24–1101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 24–1102, 24–1309, and 24–1310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 24–1102 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 24–1103.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

24–102.

This title applies only in Kent County.

24–1003.

- (a) There is a Class B wine shop and lounge license.
- (b) The license authorizes the holder to:
 - (1) sell wine for on–premises and off–premises consumption; and
 - (2) sell or serve:
 - (i) bread and other baked goods;
 - (ii) chili;
 - (iii) chocolate;
 - (iv) crackers;
 - (v) cured meat;
 - (vi) fruits (whole and cut);
 - (vii) salads and vegetables (whole and cut);
 - (viii) hard and soft cheese (whole and cut);
 - (ix) ice cream;

- (x) jam;
 - (xi) vinegar;
 - (xii) pizza;
 - (xiii) prepackaged sandwiches and other prepackaged foods ready to be eaten;
 - (xiv) soup; and
 - (xv) condiments.
- (c) The license holder may sell wine[:
- (1) on Monday through Friday,] from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day[;
 - (2) on Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day; and
 - (3) on Sunday, from 9 a.m. to midnight, for off–premises consumption only].
- (d) The license holder is not subject to any requirement regarding the percentage of average daily receipts derived from the sale of food.
- (e) An individual under the legal drinking age may enter the licensed premises.
- (f) The annual license fee is \$300.

24–1101.

- (a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 11 (“Additional License Privileges”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:
- (1) § 4–1102 (“Corkage — Consuming wine not purchased from license holder on licensed premises”); and
 - (2) § 4–1103 (“Removal of partially consumed bottle of wine from licensed premises”).
- (b) [The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 11 (“Additional License Privileges”) of Division I of this article do not apply in the county:
- (1) § 4–1104 (“Refillable container permit — Draft beer”); and
 - (2) §] **SECTION** 4–1105 (“Refillable container permit — Wine”) **OF**

DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY IN THE COUNTY.

(C) SECTION 4-1104 (“REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT — DRAFT BEER”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE APPLIES IN THE COUNTY, SUBJECT TO § 24-1102 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24-1102.

(A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT FOR DRAFT BEER TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A LICENSE, A CLASS B LICENSE, OR A CLASS D LICENSE.

(B) AN APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT SHALL COMPLETE THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(C) THE HOURS OF SALE FOR THE PERMIT:

(1) BEGIN AT THE SAME TIME AS THOSE FOR THE UNDERLYING LICENSE; AND

(2) END AT MIDNIGHT.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

(E) THE BOARD MAY CHARGE ANNUAL PERMIT FEES OF UP TO:

(1) \$50 FOR AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS AN UNDERLYING LICENSE WITH AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE; OR

(2) \$500 FOR AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS AN UNDERLYING LICENSE WITHOUT AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE.

24-1309.

(A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CLASS C MULTIPLE EVENT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO EXERCISE ANY PRIVILEGE CONFERRED BY THE LICENSE AT AN EVENT HELD BY A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY.

(C) THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE MAY BE USED BY A SINGLE APPLICANT MAY NOT EXCEED 24 PER CALENDAR YEAR.

(D) (1) THE LICENSE APPLICATION SHALL BE IN THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(2) THE APPLICANT SHALL SIGN THE FORM.

(E) (1) A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED:

(I) FOR ONE PREMISES ONLY; AND

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO THE SAME APPLICANT FOR ALL EVENTS FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED.

(2) THE BOARD MAY:

(I) APPROVE IN WRITING A SUBSTITUTE APPLICANT; AND

(II) BEFORE APPROVING A SUBSTITUTE APPLICANT, HOLD A HEARING.

(F) A SERVER WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM SHALL BE ON THE PREMISES FOR WHICH A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE IS ISSUED WHEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED.

(G) (1) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A LICENSE IS:

(I) \$200 FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 EVENTS PER YEAR; AND

(II) \$400 FOR AT LEAST 13 BUT NOT MORE THAN 24 EVENTS PER YEAR.

(2) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A REFUND IF A LICENSE HOLDER HOLDS FEWER EVENTS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR THAN THE LICENSE HOLDER IS ENTITLED TO HOLD.

24-1310.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.

(B) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE STORED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

(1) ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED LOCATION; AND

(2) ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.

(C) (1) A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(2) THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

(I) MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

(II) AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND THE BOARD.

(3) THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(D) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER AND THE BOARD MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF A LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(1) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100; AND

(2) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.