

Chapter 547

(House Bill 679)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class MT License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer and wine to certain patrons at retail at the place described in the license for on–premises consumption; specifying the hours during which the license holder may sell beer and wine; specifying where and how on the licensed premises beer and wine may be sold; specifying where on the licensed premises beer and wine may be consumed; specifying that a license holder may serve a patron only a single serving of certain alcoholic beverages at a certain time; establishing a maximum number of servings of certain alcoholic beverages that may be provided to a patron per day; prohibiting a license holder from allowing a patron to remove alcohol purchased at the movie theater from the licensed premises; stating that a license holder need not obtain a certain Sunday license; specifying that the license holder is subject to certain alcohol awareness requirements; establishing an annual license fee; providing that a holder of an alcoholic beverages license for a movie theater may renew the license only as a Class MT (movie theater) beer and wine license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 11–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 11–1006.2
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11-1006.2.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A MOVIE THEATER THAT HOLDS A CROWD CONTROL TRAINING CERTIFICATION.

(C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER AND WINE AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET TO A CURRENT OR FUTURE SHOWING OF A MOVIE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(D) (1) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER OR WINE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT.

(2) BEER AND WINE MAY BE SOLD ONLY:

(I) IN SINGLE-SERVE CONTAINERS; AND

(II) FROM A COUNTER SEPARATE FROM A COUNTER SERVING FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

(E) (1) BEER AND WINE MAY BE CONSUMED ONLY IN THE LOBBY OR ~~SCREENING AREA~~ PUBLIC VIEWING THEATER OF THE LICENSED PREMISES ~~AND MAY NOT BE CARRIED INTO PUBLIC VIEWING THEATERS.~~

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE A PATRON ONLY A SINGLE SERVING OF BEER OR WINE AT A TIME, WITH A MAXIMUM OF TWO SERVINGS OF BEER OR WINE PER PATRON PER DAY.

(3) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT ALLOW ALCOHOL PURCHASED AT THE MOVIE THEATER TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(F) A LICENSE HOLDER NEED NOT OBTAIN A SUNDAY LICENSE UNDER § 11-2004 OF THIS TITLE TO PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON A SUNDAY.

(G) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 11-1902.1 OF THIS TITLE.

(H) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,200.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the holder of an alcoholic beverages license for a movie theater in Anne Arundel County may renew the license only

as a Class MT (movie theater) beer and wine license under § 11-1006.2 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.