

Chapter 754

**(House Bill 465)**

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License**

FOR the purpose of establishing in Harford County a resort complex license that authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 22–1005.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

**22–1005.2.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RESORT COMPLEX” MEANS A PARCEL OR CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF LAND:**

- (1) OF AT LEAST 10 ACRES;**
- (2) UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; AND**
- (3) WITH FACILITIES THAT:**

**(I) INCLUDE LODGING, CONFERENCE SPACES, MEETING SPACES, ACTIVE OUTDOOR OPEN SPACES, WATERFRONT BEACH ACTIVITIES, OR A MARINA;**

**(II) SERVE THE PUBLIC; AND**

**(III) RESULTED IN A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$500,000 EXCLUSIVE OF THE COST OF THE LAND.**

**(B) THERE IS A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE.**

**(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE TO THE PERSON OWNING, LEASING, OR OPERATING A RESORT COMPLEX.**

**(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM:**

**(1) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX WHERE THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR MAY BE CONSUMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECREATION OR THE PLAYING OF MUSIC AND DANCING AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX;**

**(2) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT OPERATE AS A RESTAURANT;**

**(3) BARS OR COUNTERS AT ONE OR MORE LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX DAILY FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;**

**(4) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR CULINARY EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND**

**(5) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

**(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

**(1) AT ONE OR MORE OUTSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT;**

**(2) AT ONE OR MORE INSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX:**

**(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT; AND

(3) AT ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND

(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

(F) A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTA OR RESTRICTION ON OFF-SALE LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE RESORT COMPLEX IS LOCATED.

(G) (1) CERTAIN AREAS IN A RESORT COMPLEX MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(2) A PERSON OTHER THAN THE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE HOLDER MAY OBTAIN A DIFFERENT CLASS OF LICENSE FOR AN AREA EXCLUDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(H) (1) ~~A SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A RESORT COMPLEX FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(2) THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES FROM EACH OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT MUST COMPLETE THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(I) (1) THE INITIAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,500.

(2) BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023, THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS ~~\$6,000~~ \$4,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.