

Chapter 756

(House Bill 493)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service Under Stadium License

FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an individual serve beer, wine, and liquor under a Harford County stadium beer, wine, and liquor license only in certain containers ~~and authorizing an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor under the license by the drink and by the bottle, from one or more outlets, for on-premises consumption;~~ authorizing an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass container in an area in the stadium designated by the license holder to hold a special event; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages 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 repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1006
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.

22–1006.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Concession manager” means a person that provides and supervises under contract the comprehensive management of all food and beverage concession sales on the licensed premises.

(3) “Licensed premises” includes the stadium facility and stadium parking lots.

(b) There is a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license.

(c) The Board may issue the license for a stadium to the owner, lessee, or concession manager of a professional baseball stadium.

(d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption.

(2) The license holder may sell, serve, or allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor on the stadium parking lots only with the prior written approval of the Board.

(e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

(2) During a baseball game, a holder of a stadium license may not sell beer, wine, or liquor:

(i) after the beginning of the eighth inning; or

(ii) during a doubleheader game, after the beginning of the sixth inning of the second game.

(f) (1) An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed premises shall hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the Board approves.

(2) (i) [Except as provided in] **SUBJECT TO** subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor during a baseball game [only in a plastic, Styrofoam, or paper container] ~~BY THE DRINK AND BY THE BOTTLE, FROM ONE OR MORE OUTLETS, FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

(ii) An individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass container **ONLY** on the club level, **IN AN AREA IN THE STADIUM DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT,** or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

(3) (i) This paragraph does not apply to wine and liquor served on the club level, **IN AN AREA IN THE STADIUM DESIGNATED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT,** or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

(ii) An individual may dispense wine and liquor during a baseball game only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor vehicle driver's license scanner.

(4) A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense wine and liquor.

(5) A license holder may not allow a person to carry beer, wine, and liquor onto or off of the licensed premises.

(g) The annual license fee is \$10,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

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