Chapter 760

(House Bill 856)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – University and College Hospitality Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County to issue a university and college hospitality beer, wine, and liquor license to an institution of higher education that offers a hospitality and tourism management degree program under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to allow the preparation, serving, and consumption of beer, wine, and liquor by certain individuals; authorizing a license holder to conduct certain activities under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article–Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article–Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31–1007
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

31–102.

This title applies only in Washington County.

31–1007.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) (1) “HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAM” MEANS A DEGREE PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
THAT OFFERS CLASSES THAT PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE ORIGIN, PRODUCTION, CLASSIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR.

(II) “HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAM” INCLUDES CLASSES THAT STUDY BARTENDING, ALCOHOL AWARENESS, LIABILITY, AND THE RESPONSIBLE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

(3) “INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(B) THERE IS A UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE HOSPITALITY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFERS A HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAM.

(2) AS PART OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION, AN APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE TO THE BOARD:

(I) A DRAWING AND DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIGNATED AREA WHERE THE PREPARING, SERVING, OR CONSUMING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS WILL TAKE PLACE; AND

(II) THE LOCATION OF THE LOCKED STORAGE FACILITY WHERE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE STORED WHEN NOT IN USE.

(3) A LICENSE SHALL EXPIRE ON THE JUNE 30 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

(D) A LICENSE HOLDER MUST SUBMIT TO THE BOARD A FORM DOCUMENTING THE DATES AND HOURS OF A HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS BEGINS.

(E) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW THE PREPARATION, SERVING, AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE:

(1) AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; AND
(2) REGISTERED IN A HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS OFFERED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER.

(F) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY CONDUCT THE ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION ONLY:

(1) ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(2) DURING THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS DATES AND HOURS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(G) A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE INSTRUCTOR OF A HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS IS:

(1) CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM; AND

(2) PRESENT DURING THE DATES AND HOURS OF THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT CLASS.

(H) A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL ALLOW THE COMMISSION OR THE COMMISSION’S DESIGNEE, THE BOARD OR THE BOARD’S DESIGNEE, OR A PEACE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY, TO INSPECT AND SEARCH THE LICENSED PREMISES AT ANY TIME.

(I) A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL COMPLY WITH:

(1) MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES; AND

(2) FIRE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

(J) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY PURCHASE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM A HOLDER OF A RETAIL OR WHOLESALER’S LICENSE.

(K) (1) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS $750.

(2) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A SUNDAY PERMIT IS $250.

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.