Chapter 770

(Senate Bill 646)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B–BF (Banquet Facility) License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license for use by certain banquet facilities; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

BY renumbering
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 32–1001.1
   to be Section 32–1001.2
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 32–102
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to
   Article – Alcoholic Beverages
   Section 32–1001.1
   Annotated Code of Maryland
   (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 32–1001.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 32–1001.2.

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

   Article – Alcoholic Beverages

32–102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

32–1001.1.
(A) **There is a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license.**

(B) **The Board may issue the license for use by a banquet facility that:**

1. accommodates the public for banquets, parties, meetings, and similar functions;

2. contains a dining room with adequate facilities for preparing and serving full-course meals for at least 100 individuals who are inside the facility or outside on the premises at one seating; and

3. has adequate public bathroom facilities.

(C) **The license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption if:**

1. the beer and wine are sold by the drink or by the bottle;

2. the liquor is sold only by the drink;

3. the beer, wine, and liquor are sold only during the function;

4. the license holder does not sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption;

5. the license holder does not allow beer, wine, and liquor to be carried off the premises; and

6. food is provided at the function where the beer, wine, and liquor are provided.

(D) **The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 32–2004 of this title.**

(E) **The annual license fee is $1,500.**

**Section 3. 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.