

HOUSE BILL 493

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Johnson**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service Under Stadium License**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an individual serve beer, wine, and
4 liquor under a Harford County stadium beer, wine, and liquor license only in certain
5 containers and authorizing an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor under the
6 license by the drink and by the bottle, from one or more outlets, for on–premises
7 consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 22–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 22–1006

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 22–102.

22 This title applies only in Harford County.

23 22–1006.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (ii) An individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass
30 container **ONLY** on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

31 (3) (i) This paragraph does not apply to wine and liquor served on the
32 club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

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

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

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

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

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