HOUSE BILL 667

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ENROLLED BILL

— Economic Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs —

Introduced by Delegate Lisanti Harford County Delegation

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
_____ day of ___________ at ____________________ o’clock, ______M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1  AN ACT concerning

2    Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor
3    Licenses – Restaurants

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a restaurant applying for a Class B beer,
5 wine, and liquor license in Harford County must have been in full-time operation for
6 the 6 months prior to filing the application; and generally relating to alcoholic
7 beverages licenses in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 22–102 and 22–902(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strike-out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
amendment.
Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.
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.

22-902.

(a) There is:

(1) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 6–day license; and

(2) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 7–day license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a license holder for use by:

(1) a hotel that:

(i) accommodates the public and provides service ordinarily found in hotels; and

(ii) has:

1. at least 25 rooms;

2. a lobby with a registration and mail desk; and

3. a dining room that serves full-course meals at least twice daily; or

(2) a restaurant that:

(i) serves full-course meals at least twice daily on each day it is open;

(ii) has regular seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least 60 individuals; AND
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(iii) [has been in full-time operation as a restaurant for at least 6 months immediately before the application for the license was made, unless the restaurant business was disrupted as a result of fire or other disaster; and

(iv) has had a greater daily average in receipts from food sales than from beer, wine, and liquor sales during the 6 months immediately before the application for the license was made.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.