SENATE BILL 646

By: Senators Carozza and Eckardt
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 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.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 32–1001.1
10 to be Section 32–1001.2
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 32–102
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
20 Section 32–1001.1
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
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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.