

SENATE BILL 646

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CF HB 1181

By: **Senators Carozza and Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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
4 license in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for
5 Wicomico County to issue the license for use by certain banquet facilities; and
6 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)

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.



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

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

6 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

7 32-102.

8 This title applies only in Wicomico County.

9 **32-1001.1.**

10 (A) THERE IS A CLASS B-BF (BANQUET FACILITY) BEER, WINE, AND
11 LIQUOR LICENSE.

12 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A BANQUET FACILITY
13 THAT:

14 (1) ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC FOR BANQUETS, PARTIES,
15 MEETINGS, AND SIMILAR FUNCTIONS;

16 (2) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR
17 ~~PREPARING AND~~ SERVING FULL-COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 100 INDIVIDUALS
18 WHO ARE INSIDE THE FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ON THE PREMISES AT ONE SEATING;
19 AND

20 (3) HAS ADEQUATE PUBLIC BATHROOM FACILITIES.

21 (C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL
22 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF:

23 (1) THE BEER AND WINE ARE SOLD BY THE DRINK OR BY THE BOTTLE;

24 (2) THE LIQUOR IS SOLD ONLY BY THE DRINK;

25 (3) THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SOLD ONLY DURING THE
26 FUNCTION;

27 (4) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
28 FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

1 **(5) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
2 **TO BE CARRIED OFF THE PREMISES; AND**

3 **(6) FOOD IS PROVIDED AT THE FUNCTION WHERE THE BEER, WINE,**
4 **AND LIQUOR ARE PROVIDED.**

5 **(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE**
6 **HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**
7 **UNDER § 32-2004 OF THIS TITLE.**

8 **(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.**

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.