

# SENATE BILL 648

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By: **Senators Young and Hough**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2022**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain obsolete provisions of law relating to temporary  
4 alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County; repealing certain duplicative  
5 requirements relating to alcohol awareness and crowd control training for certain  
6 licenses in the county; repealing certain county residency requirements for certain  
7 license holders in the county; repealing certain county residency requirements for  
8 certain license holders in the county and substituting a State residency requirement;  
9 repealing the requirement that an application for an alcoholic beverages license in  
10 the county include certain petitions of support signed by certain individuals; altering  
11 a certain notice requirement that the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick  
12 County must abide by before holding certain hearings; altering the period of time  
13 when a certain application to renew an annual license can be filed; altering the dates  
14 by which the Board may issue certain renewed licenses; and generally relating to  
15 alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

16 BY repealing

17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

18 Section 20–1001.3(f), 20–1002(f), 20–1003.1(g), 20–1307, 20–1308, 20–1314,  
19 20–1315, and 20–1316

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

23 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

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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 20–102, 20–1001.3(a), 20–1002(a), 20–1003.1(a), 20–1010(a), 20–1011(a),  
2 20–1014(a), 20–1015(a), and 20–1903  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
7 Section 20–1001.3(g), 20–1002(g), 20–1003.1(h), 20–1005, 20–1010(b), 20–1011(b),  
8 20–1014(b), 20–1015(b), 20–1401, 20–1404(a), 20–1502, 20–1601(a), and  
9 20–1801  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 20–1406, 20–1407, 20–1803, and 20–1804  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That Section(s) 20–1307, 20–1308, 20–1314, 20–1315, and 20–1316 of Article – Alcoholic  
19 Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

### 22 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

23 20–102.

24 This title applies only in Frederick County.

25 20–1001.3.

26 (a) There is a barbershop beer and wine license.

27 [(f) The establishment for which a barbershop license is issued is subject to the  
28 alcohol awareness training requirements under § 4–505 of this article, subject to § 20–1903  
29 of this title.]

30 [(g)] (F) The annual license fee is \$100.

31 20–1002.

32 (a) There is a beauty salon beer and wine license.

33 [(f) The establishment for which a beauty salon license is issued is subject to the

1 alcohol awareness training requirements under § 4–505 of this article, subject to § 20–1903  
2 of this title.]

3 **[(g)] (F)** The annual license fee is \$100.

4 20–1003.1.

5 (a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

6 **[(g)] (1)** A license holder shall:

7 (i) obtain a crowd control training certificate from a program that is  
8 certified by the State; and

9 (ii) while selling beer, wine, and liquor, have one certified crowd  
10 control manager on the licensed premises for every 250 individuals present.

11 (2) Notwithstanding § 20–1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require  
12 one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the  
13 licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.]

14 **[(h)] (G)** The annual license fee is \$1,500.

15 20–1005.

16 (a) There is a Class C (country and golf club) license.

17 (b) **[(1)]** An application for the license shall be signed by the president and two  
18 other officers of the country and golf club.

19 (2) At least two of the signers shall be residents of the county.

20 (c) The Board may issue the license for use by a country and golf club that  
21 maintains a regular or championship golf course with at least nine holes.

22 **[(d)] (C)** The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor  
23 at retail to members and their guests for on–premises consumption.

24 **[(e)] (D)** The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and  
25 days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 20–2005 of this title.

26 **[(f)] (E)** The annual license fee is \$1,500.

27 20–1010.

28 (a) There is a Class C (private business club) beer, wine, and liquor license.

1 (b) [(1)] Three officers of the private business club shall apply for the license.

2 [(2)] At least two of the officers shall be residents of the county.]

3 20–1011.

4 (a) There is a Class C (private country club) beer, wine, and liquor license.

5 (b) [(1)] Three officers of the private country club shall apply for the license.

6 [(2)] At least two of the officers shall be residents of the county.]

7 20–1014.

8 (a) There is a Class C (theater) beer and wine license.

9 (b) [(1)] The president and two other officers of the theater shall sign the  
10 application for the license.

11 [(2)] Two of the signers shall be residents of the county.]

12 20–1015.

13 (a) There is a Class C (Weinberg Center) beer, wine, and liquor license.

14 (b) [(1)] The president and two other officers of the Weinberg Center for the Arts  
15 shall sign the application for the license.

16 [(2)] At least two of the officers shall be residents of the county.]

17 20–1401.

18 (a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 1 (“Applications for Local Licenses”)  
19 of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

20 (1) § 4–102 (“Applications to be filed with local licensing board”);

21 (2) [§ 4–104 (“Application on behalf of corporation or club”);

22 (3) § 4–105 (“Application on behalf of limited liability company”);

23 (4)] § 4–106 (“Payment of notice expenses”);

24 [(5)] (3) § 4–108 (“Application form required by Comptroller”);

1            ~~[(6)] (4)~~        § 4-109 (“Required information on application — In general”);

2            ~~[(7)] (5)~~        § 4-111 (“Payment of license fees”);

3            ~~[(8)] (6)~~        § 4-112 (“Disposition of license fees”);

4            ~~[(9)] (7)~~        § 4-113 (“Refund of license fees”); and

5            ~~[(10)] (8)~~       § 4-114 (“Fees for licenses issued for less than 1 year”).

6            (b)    [Section 4-103 (“Application on behalf of partnership”) of Division I of this  
7 article does not apply in the county and is superseded by § 20-1404 of this subtitle] **THE**  
8 **FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 1 (“APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL**  
9 **LICENSES”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY IN THE COUNTY:**

10            (1)    § 4-103 (“APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF PARTNERSHIP”), WHICH  
11 IS SUPERSEDED BY § 20-1404 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

12            (2)    § 4-104 (“APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR CLUB”),  
13 WHICH IS SUPERSEDED BY § 20-1406 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

14            (3)    § 4-105 (“APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF LIMITED LIABILITY  
15 COMPANY”), WHICH IS SUPERSEDED BY § 20-1407 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

16            (4)    § 4-110 (“REQUIRED INFORMATION ON APPLICATION – PETITION  
17 OF SUPPORT”).

18            (c)    [The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 1 (“Applications for Local Licenses”)  
19 of Division I of this article apply in the county:

20            (1)    § 4-107] **SECTION 4-107** (“Criminal history records check”) **OF**  
21 **DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE APPLIES IN THE COUNTY**, subject to §§ 20-1402 and  
22 20-1403 of this subtitle]; and

23            (2)    § 4-110 (“Required information on application — Petition of support”),  
24 subject to § 20-1405 of this subtitle].

25 20-1404.

26            (a)    (1)    A license for the use of a partnership shall be applied for and issued to  
27 three individuals.

28            (2)    The three individuals are not required to be partners but shall be  
29 authorized in writing to act for the partnership.

1 (3) One of the three individuals shall:

2 (I) be a resident [and registered voter] of the [county] STATE at the  
3 time the application is filed; AND

4 (II) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR THE DURATION OF  
5 THE TIME THE LICENSE IS IN EFFECT.

6 (4) The names of each partner shall be stated on the application.

7 **20-1406.**

8 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

9 (1) A CORPORATION; AND

10 (2) A CLUB, WHETHER INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED.

11 (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS  
12 SECTION, A LICENSE ON BEHALF OF A CORPORATION OR CLUB SHALL BE APPLIED  
13 FOR AND ISSUED TO THREE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION OR CLUB AS  
14 INDIVIDUALS.

15 (2) AT LEAST ONE OF THE THREE OFFICERS SHALL:

16 (I) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME THE  
17 APPLICATION IS FILED; AND

18 (II) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR THE DURATION OF  
19 TIME THE LICENSE IS IN EFFECT.

20 (C) IF A CORPORATION HAS FEWER THAN THREE OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS,  
21 ALL OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS SHALL APPLY FOR A LICENSE.

22 (D) IN A CLOSE CORPORATION, AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL STOCKHOLDER  
23 MAY APPLY FOR A LICENSE IF:

24 (1) THE CLOSE CORPORATION DOES NOT HAVE OFFICERS OR  
25 DIRECTORS; AND

26 (2) THERE IS AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE  
27 STOCKHOLDERS.

28 (E) AN APPLICATION FOR A CORPORATION OR A CLUB LICENSE SHALL

1 INCLUDE:

2 (1) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH OFFICER;

3 (2) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION OR CLUB; AND

4 (3) THE SIGNATURES OF THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
5 CORPORATION OR CLUB AND OF THE THREE OFFICERS TO WHOM THE LICENSE  
6 SHALL BE ISSUED.

7 20-1407.

8 (A) (1) A LICENSE FOR THE USE OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
9 SHALL BE APPLIED FOR AND ISSUED TO AUTHORIZED PERSONS OF THE LIMITED  
10 LIABILITY COMPANY, AS INDIVIDUALS.

11 (2) (I) ALL OF THE AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS SHALL APPLY FOR  
12 THE LICENSE, IF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAS FEWER THAN THREE  
13 AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS.

14 (II) THREE AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS SHALL APPLY FOR THE  
15 LICENSE, IF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAS THREE OR MORE AUTHORIZED  
16 INDIVIDUALS.

17 (3) AT LEAST ONE OF THE AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS SHALL:

18 (I) BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE AT THE TIME THE  
19 APPLICATION IS FILED; AND

20 (II) REMAIN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR THE DURATION OF  
21 TIME THE LICENSE IS IN EFFECT.

22 (B) AN APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LICENSE SHALL  
23 INCLUDE:

24 (1) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND SIGNATURE OF EACH AUTHORIZED  
25 INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED; AND

26 (2) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

27 20-1502.

28 (A) The Board may fulfill the notice requirement of § 4-208 of this article by

1 posting online a completed [application with all submitted documents] HEARING  
2 SCHEDULE at least 14 days before the hearing date.

3 (B) ANY APPLICATION DOCUMENT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
4 SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO STATE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION  
5 ACT UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.

6 20–1601.

7 (a) (1) For every 4,000 individuals [or major fraction] in an election district,  
8 the Board may not issue more than one license in each of the following classes:

- 9 (i) Class A (off–sale) beer license;
- 10 (ii) Class A (off–sale) beer and wine license; and
- 11 (iii) Class A (off–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

12 (2) The population of each election district is to be determined by the most  
13 recent federal census.

14 20–1801.

15 (A) THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF Title 4, Subtitle 4 (“Renewal of Local  
16 Licenses”) of Division I of this article [applies] APPLY in the county without exception or  
17 variation:

- 18 (1) § 4–402 (“ELIGIBILITY FOR RENEWAL; PROCESS”);
- 19 (2) § 4–403 (“RENEWAL APPLICATION”);
- 20 (3) § 4–405 (“CONTENTS OF RENEWAL APPLICATION”);
- 21 (4) § 4–406 (“PROTESTS”);
- 22 (5) § 4–407 (“DENIAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATION”);
- 23 (6) § 4–409 (“MULTIPLE LICENSES”); AND
- 24 (7) § 4–410 (“CHAIN STORE, SUPERMARKET, OR DISCOUNT HOUSE”).

25 (B) THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 4 (“RENEWAL OF  
26 LOCAL LICENSES”) OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY IN THE COUNTY:

- 27 (1) § 4–404 (“FILING PERIOD FOR RENEWAL APPLICATION”), WHICH



1 IS SUPERSEDED BY § 20-1803 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

2 (2) § 4-408 (“ISSUANCE OF RENEWED LICENSES”), WHICH IS  
3 SUPERSEDED BY § 20-1804 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

4 20-1803.

5 AN APPLICATION TO RENEW AN ANNUAL LICENSE SHALL BE FILED BETWEEN  
6 JANUARY 1 AND APRIL 15, INCLUSIVE.

7 20-1804.

8 (A) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE RENEWED LICENSES FOR THE FOLLOWING  
9 LICENSE YEAR BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND MAY 1, INCLUSIVE.

10 (B) ALL RENEWED LICENSES SHALL BE DATED MAY 1.

11 (C) IF AN EXPIRING LICENSE IS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER OF RESTRICTION OR  
12 SUSPENSION, THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE THE CORRESPONDING LICENSE RENEWAL  
13 SUBJECT TO THE SAME ORDER.

14 20-1903.

15 (a) (1) The individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program  
16 may be absent from the licensed premises for a personal or business reason or an emergency  
17 if:

18 (i) the personal or business reason or emergency meets standards  
19 that the Board sets by regulation; and

20 (ii) the absence lasts for not more than 2 hours.

21 (2) The Board shall require the license holder to keep a log book on the  
22 licensed premises that documents each temporary absence, the length of time of the  
23 absence, and the reason for the absence, in the form that the Board requires.

24 (b) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:

25 (1) for a first offense, a \$100 fine; and

26 (2) for each subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 or a suspension  
27 or revocation of the license or both.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
29 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.