

SENATE BILL 757

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By: Senator Hayes

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 40th Alcoholic Beverages District**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
4 issue certain licenses in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in
5 Baltimore City under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain license holders in
6 certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages
7 at certain times of the day; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore
8 City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 12–1002.1, 12–1603(c) and 12–2005(d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 12–102.

23 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

24 12–1002.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) There is a public market license.

(b) The Board may issue the license only to an operator of an enclosed public
et that:

(1) has a capital investment of at least \$5,000,000; and

(2) is located in an area surrounded by:

(I) Charles Street on the west, East Cross Street on the north, Light and East Cross Street on the south, in ward 23, precinct 1 of the 46th district; OR

(II) NORTH PACA STREET ON THE WEST, WEST SARATOGA NORTH, NORTH EUTAW STREET ON THE EAST, AND WEST FAYETTE SOUTH, IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT.

12 (c) Ownership of the license is transferable only to the Baltimore Public Markets
13 Corporation.

14 (d) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, for on- or off-premises
15 consumption:

(i) beer;

(ii) wine; and

(iii) liquor, when served as an ingredient in mixed drinks that may cost at least \$5 each.

25 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (e)(3) of this section, an
26 individual vendor may sell alcoholic beverages in an area covering not more than 1,000
27 square feet of floor space.

30 (ii) The Board shall apply to the Central Repository for a State and
31 national criminal history records check for each vendor authorized to sell alcoholic

1 beverages.

2 (iii) A vendor authorized to sell alcoholic beverages or an individual
3 who is designated by the vendor and employed in a supervisory capacity is required to be:

4 1. certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; and
5 2. present when alcoholic beverages are consumed.

6 (4) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, monthly receipts
7 from the sale of nonalcoholic beverage items shall be at least 65% of the total monthly
8 receipts of the market.

9 (ii) The only nonalcoholic beverage items that may be counted in the
10 calculation required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph are items sold in the public
11 market that are not provided as part of an off-premises catering service.

12 (e) (1) The license holder may designate a vendor to sell alcoholic beverages
13 allowed under subsection (d)(1) of this section for on-premises consumption at a restaurant
14 in the premises formerly occupied by an establishment for which a Class D (7-day) beer
15 and wine license was issued.

16 (2) The restaurant shall have average daily receipts from the sale of food
17 that are at least 65% of the total daily receipts of the restaurant.

18 (3) The vendor designated for the restaurant may sell alcoholic beverages
19 in an area exceeding 1,000 square feet of floor space.

20 (4) The hours of sale for alcoholic beverages at the restaurant are from 9
21 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday.

22 (5) The privilege to sell alcoholic beverages at the restaurant may not be
23 transferred to another location.

24 (6) The premises of the restaurant do not count toward the limit on the
25 total square footage of floor space in which alcoholic beverages may be sold in the public
26 market under subsection (d)(2)(i) of this section.

27 (f) A license holder or vendor may not:

28 (1) participate in or publicize, in or outside the public market, a pub crawl
29 authorized under § 12–1101.1 of this title; or

30 (2) except for an event closed to the public, including a rehearsal dinner,
31 wedding reception, corporate function, or retirement party, allow an open bar to be operated
32 by a vendor.

3 (1) from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday;

4 (2) from 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Friday;

5 (3) from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday; and

6 (4) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

(h) The annual license fee is:

8 (1) subject to item (2) of this subsection, \$7,500; or

(2) \$3,500, if the applicant for the license obtains and extinguishes one Class A, Class B, Class D, or Class B-D-7 license issued for use in ward 23, precinct 1 of the 46th alcoholic beverages district.

12 (i) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section, including
13 regulations concerning the following activities in a public market:

14 (1) the conduct of vendors;

15 (2) the conduct of license holders within the public market;

16 (3) the holding of events that are closed to the public; and

17 (4) the maintaining of a common seating area.

18 12-1603.

19 (a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are
20 coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2012.

23 (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;

24 (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;

25 (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

26 (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and

27 (5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(1) in the alcoholic beverages districts specified in subsection (b) of this

(i) a 1-day license; or

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant that:

1. has a minimum capital investment, not including the cost \$200,000 for restaurant facilities; and

2. has a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals;

(2) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 45th alcoholic beverages

(3) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in ward 5, precinct 1 of the 44th terages district;

13 (4) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 200 block of West
14 Saratoga Street in ward 4, precinct 3 of the 40th alcoholic beverages district;

(6) a Class B-D-7 license in the unit block of West North Avenue in the 45th alcoholic beverages district;

(7) two Class B-D-7 licenses in the 2100 block of North Charles Street in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

(8) two Class B-D-7 licenses in the 2100 block of Maryland Avenue in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

(9) subject to the requirements under subsection (e) of this section, four Class B-D-7 licenses in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

28 (10) a Class B-D-7 license in the 5400 block of Harford Road in the 45th
29 alcoholic beverages district if:

30 (i) average daily receipts from the sale of food are at least 65% of
31 the applicant's total daily receipts;

3 (iii) the applicant does not create a separate package goods
4 department;

5 (iv) alcoholic beverages are served to patrons seated at tables; and

6 (v) alcoholic beverages are served only with meals to patrons
7 provided with outdoor table service;

10 (i) average daily receipts from the sale of food are at least 65% of
11 the applicant's total daily receipts;

12 (ii) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with a
13 community association;

14 (iii) the applicant does not create a separate package goods
15 department;

16 (iv) alcoholic beverages are served to patrons seated at tables; and

17 (v) alcoholic beverages are served only with meals to patrons
18 provided with outdoor table service;

19 (12) a Class B-D-7 license on the eastern side of the 400 block of North
20 Howard Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

21 (i) the applicant does not convert the license to a different license
22 class;

23 (ii) alcoholic beverages are served outdoors only to patrons seated at
24 tables or standing in a courtyard area;

25 (iii) the applicant does not allow the off-premises sale of alcoholic
26 beverages;

27 (iv) alcoholic beverages sales begin no earlier than 10 a.m.; and

28 (v) the applicant executes memorandums of understanding with the
29 Downtown Partnership of Baltimore and the Market Center Merchants Association; [and]

30 (13) if the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the

1 Bolton Hill Community Association, a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200
2 block of Eutaw Place in the 40th alcoholic beverages district;

3 **(14) A CLASS B–D–7 LICENSE IN THE 700 BLOCK OF WASHINGTON**
4 **BOULEVARD IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:**

5 **(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD ARE AT**
6 **LEAST 65% OF THE APPLICANT'S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;**

7 **(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF**
8 **UNDERSTANDING WITH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION;**

9 **(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE**
10 **GOODS DEPARTMENT;**

11 **(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED TO PATRONS SEATED**
12 **AT TABLES; AND**

13 **(V) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED ONLY WITH MEALS TO**
14 **PATRONS PROVIDED WITH OUTDOOR TABLE SERVICE; AND**

15 **(15) A CLASS B–D–7 LICENSE IN THE 300 BLOCK OF NORTH CHARLES**
16 **STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT TO AN ESTABLISHMENT**
17 **THAT HAS A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND**
18 **AND BUILDINGS, OF \$50,000 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT'S FACILITIES.**

19 12–2005.

20 (d) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

21 (i) a Class B beer and light wine (restaurant) license;

22 (ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (restaurant) license issued under
23 § 12–1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

24 (iii) a Class B–BWL (H–M) license;

25 (iv) a Class C beer and wine license;

26 (v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license;

27 (vi) an arena license; or

28 (vii) a marketplace license.

(2) For a license holder in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages may not begin before 10 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.:

3 (I) within an area bounded [as follows]:

32 (III) FOR A LICENSE HOLDER WITHIN 250 YARDS IN ANY
33 DIRECTION OF THE AREA DESCRIBED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
35 1, 2022.