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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 1000 (Harford County Senators)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class L License**

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This bill establishes the Class L beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Harford County. The bill authorizes the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to the holder of a manufacturer's license. The license holder may hold another license or permit issued by the Board to sell specified products. The license authorizes the holder, for on-premises consumption, to (1) sell specified beer, wine, and liquor that may be mixed with specified products and (2) provide a specified sample of specified beer, wine, or liquor at no cost. The license holder is not required to sell food, but is required to provide prepackaged snacks. The hours of sale for a Class L BWL license are the same as those for the underlying manufacturer's license. The annual license fee is \$3,000. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** Harford County revenues increase to the extent that Class L licenses are issued under the bill. The county can monitor any additional licenses using existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for any manufacturer that is able to realize additional sales under the bill.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The license authorizes the license holder, for on-premises consumption, to sell beer, wine, and liquor produced by the holder or another holder of a manufacturer's

license issued in the State. The beer, wine, and liquor sold under the license may be mixed with (1) other beer, wine, and liquor that is produced or manufactured in the State or (2) nonalcoholic products, regardless of where the nonalcoholic products are produced or manufactured.

An individual may consume a sample of beer, wine, or liquor covered by the license in a quantity of not more than one ounce from each offering of beer or wine and one-half ounce from each offering of liquor. An individual may consume not more than six offerings of samples, only two of which may be liquor, in one day.

**Current Law:** In Maryland, the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission issues alcoholic beverages manufacturer's and wholesaler's licenses, while the boards of license commissioners in each county and the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis are responsible for issuing retail alcoholic beverages licenses. In general, each class of manufacturer's license designates the days of operations, time limits, and any other restrictions for the sale of alcoholic beverages under the license.

The following types of manufacturer's licenses are issued in the State: (1) Class 1 distillery license; (2) Class 2 rectifying license; (3) Class 3 winery license; (4) Class 4 limited winery license; (5) Class 5 brewery license; (6) Class 6 pub-brewery license; (7) Class 7 micro-brewery license; (8) Class 8 farm brewery license; and (9) Class 9 limited distillery license.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** For each Class L license issued under the bill, Harford County revenues increase by \$3,000 from license fees.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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