

Chapter 768

(House Bill 1180)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Dinner Theater License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B–DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

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

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 32–1001.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

32–102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

32–1001.2.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS B–DT (DINNER THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF A DINNER THEATER THAT:

(1) PROVIDES LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, BROADWAY–STYLE MUSICALS, COMEDY, DANCE PERFORMANCES, OR DRAMA TO THE DINNER THEATER’S CUSTOMERS;

(2) IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY RESERVATION ONLY; AND

(3) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH FACILITIES FOR ~~PREPARING AND~~ SERVING FULL-COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 80 INDIVIDUALS AT ONE SEATING.

(C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

(I) BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK OR BOTTLE; AND

(II) LIQUOR BY THE DRINK.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

(I) FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; OR

(II) AT ANY TIME EXCEPT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DINNER THEATER.

(D) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR BEGINNING 2 HOURS BEFORE A LIVE PERFORMANCE UNTIL THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE ~~ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY~~ AND DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT UNDER § 32-2004 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) FOOD SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT A FUNCTION WHERE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SERVED.

~~(E)~~ (F) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.

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

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.