

HOUSE BILL 991

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Basket of Cheer**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement in Frederick County that alcoholic beverages
4 in a basket of cheer be produced in Maryland; and generally relating to basket of
5 cheer alcoholic beverages permits in Frederick County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 20–102
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 20–1317
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 20–102.

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 This title applies only in Frederick County.

2 20–1317.

3 (a) There is a basket of cheer permit.

4 (b) The Board shall grant the permit at no cost to a holder of a Class C per diem
5 beer and wine license or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

6 (c) The permit authorizes the permit holder to provide as a prize at a benefit
7 performance a basket of cheer of alcoholic beverages [produced in Maryland,] consisting of:

8 (1) for a holder of a Class C per diem beer and wine license, not more than:

9 (i) 288 ounces of beer; and

10 (ii) 2.25 liters of wine; and

11 (2) for a holder of a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license, not
12 more than:

13 (i) 288 ounces of beer;

14 (ii) 2.25 liters of wine; and

15 (iii) 2.25 liters of liquor.

16 (d) The alcoholic beverages contained in a basket of cheer shall be for
17 off–premises consumption.

18 (e) A holder of the permit:

19 (1) shall obtain the alcoholic beverages contained in a basket of cheer from
20 a holder of a retail license; and

21 (2) may raffle off not more than 10 baskets of cheer at each benefit
22 performance.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2023.