

# SENATE BILL 135

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By: **Senator Carozza**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Ocean City Promoter’s License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an Ocean City promoter’s license in Worcester County;  
4 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue the  
5 license to a for–profit organization to sell and serve beer, wine, and liquor at an  
6 entertainment event that is held on certain premises located in Ocean City; and  
7 generally relating to alcoholic beverage licenses in Worcester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 33–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 33–1310

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 33–102.

22 This title applies only in Worcester County.

23 **33–1310.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) THERE IS AN OCEAN CITY PROMOTER’S LICENSE.**

2           **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**  
3 **TO SELL AND SERVE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT THAT**  
4 **IS HELD ON A PREMISES THAT IS:**

5                   **(1) LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF OCEAN CITY;**

6                   **(2) OWNED BY OCEAN CITY; AND**

7                   **(3) DESIGNATED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
8 **OF OCEAN CITY.**

9           **(C) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:**

10                   **(1) RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS**  
11 **SECTION EACH YEAR; AND**

12                   **(2) ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING THE SALE AND**  
13 **SERVICE OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT THE EVENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)**  
14 **OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS TO BE MET BY A**  
15 **LICENSE HOLDER.**

16           **(D) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION**  
17 **UNDER OATH ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.**

18           **(E) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$5,000.**

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2023.