

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 1062  
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Finance

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Alteration of License Quota**

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This bill increases, from 3,000 to 4,000 individuals, the quota used by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners when issuing specified Class A licenses and reduces the number of Class A licenses the board may issue from three to one. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Harford County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Harford County, for every 3,000 individuals in the county, the board may not issue more than (1) one Class A (off-sale) license, (2) one Class A-1 (off-sale) license, and one Class A-2 (off-sale) license.

If the number of licenses in a class exceeds the quota, the board may not issue a new license in that class unless the number of licenses of that class are reduced by revocation or surrender, creating a vacancy.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Harford County; Department of Legislative Services

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