

# HOUSE BILL 635

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Nonprofit**  
3 **Organization License**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing in Harford County a performing arts nonprofit  
5 organization license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor  
6 at certain locations for on–premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic  
7 beverages licenses in Harford County.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

10 Section 22–1005.2 and 22–1005.3

11 to be Section 22–1005.3 and 22–1005.4, respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

16 Section 22–102

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

21 Section 22–1005.2

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

25 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

26 Section 22–1501(b)(2)

27 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 22–1005.2 and 22–1005.3 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 22–1005.3 and 22–1005.4, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

**22–1005.2.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION” MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT ORGANIZES THE PRODUCTION OF PLAYS, ACTS, DRAMAS, CONCERTS, OR SIMILAR EVENTS BY INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING ON A STAGE OR THE SHOWING OF FILMS.

(B) THERE IS A PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A PERFORMING ARTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

(D) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL OR SERVE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION AT UP TO THREE LOCATIONS DESIGNATED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.

(2) THE LOCATIONS DESIGNATED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION MUST:

(I) BE SUITABLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PLAYS, ACTS, DRAMAS, CONCERTS, OR SIMILAR EVENTS BY INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING ON A STAGE OR THE SHOWING OF FILMS; AND

(II) MEET ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

(3) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY ALTER THE AUTHORIZED LOCATIONS EACH TIME THE LICENSE IS RENEWED.

1 (E) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL OR SERVE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR:

2 (1) 1 HOUR BEFORE AND AFTER A PERFORMANCE;

3 (2) DURING A PERFORMANCE;

4 (3) DURING AN INTERMISSION; AND

5 (4) DURING A RECEPTION WITHIN 1 HOUR BEFORE OR AFTER A  
6 PERFORMANCE.

7 (F) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION NOT  
8 IDENTIFIED ON THE APPLICATION.

9 (G) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL PURCHASE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR  
10 FROM A RETAIL LICENSE HOLDER OR AN AUTHORIZED AND LICENSED WHOLESALER.

11 (H) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SELL OR ISSUE MORE THAN 750 TICKETS  
12 TO ANY EVENT OR PERFORMANCE AT WHICH THE HOLDER WILL SELL OR SERVE  
13 BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR.

14 (I) ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE  
15 BOARD FROM ISSUING A CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE TO THE PERFORMING ARTS  
16 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR AN EVENT OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSE.

17 (J) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL SERVE OR OFFER FOR SALE SNACKS AT  
18 ALL TIMES WHEN BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SOLD.

19 (K) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$750.

20 22-1501.

21 (b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local  
22 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

23 (2) § 4-203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or  
24 for use of entity”), subject to §§ 22-1503 and 22-1504 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part  
25 III [and], Subtitle 16, Part II, AND § 22-1005.2 of this title;

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
27 1, 2024.