

HOUSE BILL 654

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Nonprofit Performing Arts Theater**
3 **License**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing in St. Mary's County a nonprofit performing arts theater
5 beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine in
6 certain nonprofit performing arts theaters at retail for on-premises consumption;
7 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 28–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 28–1004
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2023 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 and Cannabis**

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 28-102.

2 This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

3 **28-1004.**

4 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "NONPROFIT PERFORMING ARTS THEATER" MEANS
5 AN AREA, A BUILDING, OR A STRUCTURE DESIGNED AND USED FOR PLAYS, ACTS,
6 DRAMAS, CONCERTS, OR SIMILAR EVENTS BY INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING ON A
7 STAGE.

8 (B) THERE IS A NONPROFIT PERFORMING ARTS THEATER BEER AND WINE
9 LICENSE.

10 (C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE ON THE PREMISES
11 OF A PERFORMING ARTS THEATER THAT:

12 (I) HAS SEATING; AND

13 (II) IS OPERATED BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

14 (2) THE PRESIDENT AND TWO OTHER OFFICERS OF THE NONPROFIT
15 PERFORMING ARTS THEATER SHALL SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE.

16 (D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL OR SERVE BEER AND
17 WINE AT RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

18 (E) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE FROM 1
19 HOUR BEFORE TO 1 HOUR AFTER:

20 (1) A REGULAR PERFORMANCE; OR

21 (2) A FUND-RAISER PERFORMANCE THAT BENEFITS THE NONPROFIT
22 PERFORMING ARTS THEATER.

23 (F) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY PURCHASE BEER AND WINE FROM A ~~RETAIL~~
24 ~~LICENSE HOLDER OR~~ A LICENSED WHOLESALER.

25 (G) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$300.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2024.