

SENATE BILL 853

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multi–Use Sports and Events**
3 **Facility Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the stadium beer and wine license in Washington County to
5 be a multi–use sports and events facility beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing
6 the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption in the
7 multi–use sports and events facility; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in
8 Washington County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 31–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 31–1005
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **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 31-102.

2 This title applies only in Washington County.

3 31-1005.

4 (a) In this section, “premises” includes the entire [stadium] **MULTI-USE SPORTS**
5 **AND EVENTS** facility [and the stadium parking lots].

6 (b) There is a [stadium] **MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY** beer,
7 **WINE**, and [wine] **LIQUOR** license.

8 (c) The Board may issue the license to the owner of a professional baseball team
9 franchise that may be in any form of business organization, including partnership,
10 corporation, and limited liability company **THAT WILL OPERATE AS A MULTI-USE**
11 **SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY**.

12 (d) [(1)] The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, **WINE**, and [wine]
13 **LIQUOR**[:

14 (i) for on-premises consumption to individuals present at an event
15 held in the [stadium] **MULTI-USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY**[: and

16 (ii) in plastic, Styrofoam, or paper containers.

17 (2) The written approval of the Board is required before beer and wine may
18 be sold, served, or consumed:

19 (i) on a parking lot of the stadium; or

20 (ii) during an event other than a baseball game in which the team of
21 the license holder is playing].

22 (e) The license holder [may sell beer and wine from the time the stadium opens
23 for the event until the event ends] **SHALL REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYEES TO:**

24 **(1) COMPLETE AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM; AND**

25 **(2) OBTAIN A CROWD CONTROL TRAINING CERTIFICATE.**

26 (f) The license holder may not allow an individual to carry alcoholic beverages
27 onto or from the licensed premises.

28 (g) [(1)] The annual license fee is [\$2,000] **\$2,500**.

1 [(2) The fee for a Sunday permit is \$250.]

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.