

SENATE BILL 933

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By: **Harford County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Theater License**

3 FOR the purpose of altering eligibility for a performing arts theater license in Harford
4 County by altering the definition of “performing arts theater” and authorizing the
5 Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a certain
6 for–profit theater, rather than a nonprofit theater; authorizing the holder of the
7 license to sell liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine;
8 altering the license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
9 Harford County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 22–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 22–1005.2 and 22–1501(b)(2)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

23 22–102.

24 This title applies only in Harford County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 22-1005.2.

2 (a) In this section, “performing arts theater” means an area, a building, or a
3 structure designed and used for plays, acts, dramas, concerts, or histrionics by actors or
4 actresses performing on a stage [or the showing of movies or films].

5 (b) There is a performing arts theater beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** license.

6 (c) The Board may issue the license for use on the premises of a performing arts
7 theater operated by a [nonprofit] **FOR-PROFIT** organization.

8 (d) The license authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer [and], wine, **AND**
9 **LIQUOR** at retail for on-premises consumption.

10 (e) The license holder may sell or serve beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR**:

11 (1) 1 hour before and after a performance;

12 (2) during a performance;

13 (3) during an intermission; and

14 (4) during a reception 1 hour before or 1 hour after a performance.

15 (f) The license may not be transferred to another location.

16 (g) The license holder shall purchase beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** from an
17 authorized and licensed wholesaler.

18 (h) Issuance of a license under this section does not prohibit the Board from
19 issuing a Class C per diem license that applies to the performing arts theater.

20 (i) The license holder shall serve or offer for sale snacks at all times when beer
21 [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** are sold.

22 (j) The annual license fee is [~~\$500~~] **\$1,500**.

23 22-1501.

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

26 (2) § 4-203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or
27 for use of entity”), subject to §§ 22-1503 and 22-1504 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part
28 III [and], Subtitle 16, Part II, **AND § 22-1005.2** of this title;

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