

# HOUSE BILL 99

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By: **Delegate Rogers**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses**  
3 **– Population Ratio Quota**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and  
5 Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map  
6 to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population  
7 ratio quota; prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel  
8 County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under  
9 certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne  
10 Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
13 Section 11-102  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
18 Section 11-1602  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 11–102.

5 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

6 11–1602.

7 (a) In this section, “assessment district” means a tax assessment district:

8 (1) established by the county [through local law]; AND

9 (2) **SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL MAP ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY**  
10 **COUNCIL TITLED “TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, 2005”.**

11 (b) [The] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,** THE Board may  
12 issue a Class A (off–sale), Class B (off–sale), or Class D (off–sale) license based on its  
13 determination of whether the license is necessary to accommodate the public.

14 (c) [In making its determination,] **IF THE APPLICATION IS FOR A CLASS A**  
15 **(OFF–SALE) OR CLASS D (OFF–SALE) LICENSE,** the Board [may consider whether the  
16 establishment for which the license would be issued is in] **MAY NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE**  
17 **IF:**

18 (1) **THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WOULD BE ISSUED**  
19 **IS LOCATED IN** an assessment district in which the ratio of off–sale licenses per individual  
20 [is more than] **EXCEEDS** one [per] **FOR EVERY ~~4,000~~ 3,750** individuals; or

21 (2) [an assessment district in which the ratio of off–sale licenses per  
22 individual is less than one per 4,000 individuals] **THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE**  
23 **WOULD CAUSE THE RATIO OF OFF–SALE LICENSES PER INDIVIDUAL IN AN**  
24 **ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO EXCEED ONE FOR EVERY ~~4,000~~ 3,750 INDIVIDUALS.**

25 (D) **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY:**

26 (1) **TO THE TRANSFER OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE THAT WAS ISSUED**  
27 **ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025; ~~OR~~**

28 (2) **IN THE 6TH TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; OR**

1           **(3) TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT**  
2 **UNDER § 2-207 OF THIS ARTICLE BY AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS A CLASS 5**  
3 **BREWERY LICENSE.**

4           **(E) THE POPULATION OF EACH ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IS TO BE**  
5 **DETERMINED BY:**

6                   **(1) THE LATEST FEDERAL CENSUS; OR**

7                   **(2) ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE**  
8 **OF PLANNING AND ZONING.**

9           **(F) THE BOARD MAY NOT APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS A**  
10 **(OFF-SALE) LICENSE OR CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSE:**

11                   **(1) TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH**  
12 **THE LICENSE WAS LOCATED ON JULY 1, 2025; OR**

13                   **(2) IF THE LICENSE WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE AS OF JULY 1, 2025, TO A**  
14 **LOCATION OUTSIDE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LICENSE WAS**  
15 **ORIGINALLY ISSUED.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
17 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of  
18 December 31, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
19 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.