

# HOUSE BILL 476

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

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A License Quota**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the quota for the number of Class A alcoholic beverages  
4 licenses that may be issued in the 8th election district in St. Mary's County; and  
5 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
8 Section 28–102  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2024 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
13 Section 28–1601  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

19 28–102.

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

21 28–1601.

22 (a) The Board may not:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) issue more than one Class A license:

2 (I) for every 1,350 individuals **THAT LIVE** in an election district in  
3 the county **OTHER THAN THE 8TH ELECTION DISTRICT; AND**

4 (II) **FOR EVERY 4,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE IN THE 8TH**  
5 **ELECTION DISTRICT; or**

6 (2) approve the transfer of a license issued under item (1) of this subsection  
7 from one election district to another election district unless the transfer can be made  
8 without exceeding the license [quota] **QUOTAS** provided in item (1) of this subsection.

9 (b) The Board shall use the population statistics from the most recent County  
10 Planning Commission annual report to maintain the license [quota] **QUOTAS** provided in  
11 subsection (a)(1) of this section.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2025.