

HOUSE BILL 571

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C (Veterans’ Organization)**
3 **License – Event Permit**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing an event permit in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the
5 Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue an event permit
6 only to a holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the permit
7 holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain individuals for on–premises
8 consumption during events held at the licensed premises; and generally relating to
9 alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

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

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 11–1009
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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 11–102.

24 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 11-1009.

2 (a) There is a Class C (veterans' organization) license.

3 (b) The Board shall issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide
4 nonprofit organization or club that:

5 (1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the
6 United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

7 (2) has a charter from a national veterans' organization that was granted
8 before the application for the license was made;

9 (3) has a bona fide membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at
10 least \$5 per year per individual; and

11 (4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for
12 its members.

13 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail
14 at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption.

15 (d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days
16 as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 11-2004 of this title.

17 (e) The annual license fee is \$400.

18 **(F) (1) THERE IS AN EVENT PERMIT.**

19 **(2) (I) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A HOLDER OF**
20 **A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS**
21 **SECTION.**

22 **(II) AN APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT SHALL COMPLETE THE**
23 **FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.**

24 **(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER OF A CLASS C**
25 **(VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE**
26 **ALLOWED UNDER THE LICENSE:**

27 **(I) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES;**

28 **(II) TO AN INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE EVENT, INCLUDING AN**
29 **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION; AND**

1 **(III) FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

2 **(4) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$100.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2025.