

HOUSE BILL 571

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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 a holder of certain Class C licenses in Anne Arundel County to sell beer, wine, and
8 liquor to certain individuals for on-premises consumption during events held at the
9 licensed premises; requiring an outside group to obtain a per diem license from the
10 Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County if the outside group holds
11 an event hosted by the holder of a certain Class C license; and generally relating to
12 alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 11–102
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
20 Section 11–903, 11–1006, and 11–1009
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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 11–903.

7 (a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

8 (b) **(1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
9 **license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, at a club at the**
10 **place described in the license, for on–premises consumption, INCLUDING:**

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

12 **(II) TO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB OR A GUEST OF THE MEMBER.**

13 **(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE**
14 **GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND**
15 **LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.**

16 (c) The annual license fee is \$480.

17 11–1006.

18 (a) There is a Class C (fraternal/sororal) organization license.

19 (b) The Board may issue the license for use by a local unit of a lodge, political
20 organization, or chapter of a nonprofit and nationwide fraternal or service organization
21 that:

22 (1) is composed only of inducted members;

23 (2) was operating in the county before the license application was made;

24 (3) has a membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per
25 year per individual; and

26 (4) owns and operates a home or clubhouse that is principally for the use
27 of its members and guests when accompanied by members.

1 (c) **(1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
2 license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for on-premises
3 consumption, INCLUDING DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES, to:

4 **[(1)] (I) a member of the local unit for which the license was issued; or**

5 **[(2)] (II) a member's guest when accompanied by the member.**

6 **(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE**
7 **GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND**
8 **LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.**

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

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

12 11-1009.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for
23 its members.

24 (c) **(1) ~~The~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
25 license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place
26 described in the license for on-premises consumption, INCLUDING:

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

28 **(II) TO A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR A**
29 **GUEST OF THE MEMBER.**

1 **(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE**
 2 **GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND**
 3 **LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.**

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

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

7 ~~(F) (1) THERE IS AN EVENT PERMIT.~~

8 ~~(2) (I) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A HOLDER OF~~
 9 ~~A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS~~
 10 ~~SECTION.~~

11 ~~(II) AN APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT SHALL COMPLETE THE~~
 12 ~~FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.~~

13 ~~(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER OF A CLASS C~~
 14 ~~(VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE~~
 15 ~~ALLOWED UNDER THE LICENSE:~~

16 ~~(I) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES;~~

17 ~~(II) TO AN INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE EVENT, INCLUDING AN~~
 18 ~~INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION; AND~~

19 ~~(III) FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

20 ~~(4) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$100.~~

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 22 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.