

# HOUSE BILL 866

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and**  
3 **Liquor License**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in  
5 Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick  
6 County to issue the license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and  
7 liquor for on–premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; and generally  
8 relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
11 Section 20–1014.1  
12 to be Section 20–1014.2  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
17 Section 20–102  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

20 BY adding to

21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
22 Section 20–1014.1

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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 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2024 Replacement Volume)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
4 That Section(s) 20–1014.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated  
5 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 20–1014.2.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
7 as follows:

8 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

9 20–102.

10 This title applies only in Frederick County.

11 **20–1014.1.**

12 **(A) THERE IS A CLASS C (THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

13 **(B) THE MANAGER OF THE THEATER OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL DESIGNATED**  
14 **BY THE THEATER MAY SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE.**

15 **(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A LICENSE FOR USE BY A THEATER WITH**  
16 **SEATING.**

17 **(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,**  
18 **AND LIQUOR FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION FROM 1 HOUR BEFORE TO 1 HOUR**  
19 **AFTER:**

20 **(1) A REGULAR PERFORMANCE;**

21 **(2) A FUND–RAISER PERFORMANCE THAT BENEFITS THE THEATER;**  
22 **OR**

23 **(3) AN EVENT HOSTED BY AN OUTSIDE GROUP THAT HAS RENTED THE**  
24 **THEATER.**

25 **(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$150.**

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
27 1, 2025.