

HOUSE BILL 1281

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limited Cultural Event Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel
4 County to issue a limited cultural event permit to holders of certain alcoholic
5 beverages licenses; authorizing a permit holder to provide cultural music, cultural
6 dancing, and other legal forms of cultural entertainment on a specific date stated in
7 the permit application; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel
8 County.

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

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 11–1102
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

22 11–102.

23 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

24 11–1102.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) On the premises, or on adjacent property over which a license holder
2 has ownership or control, a license holder:

3 (i) may allow piped-in background music or one television screen;
4 but

5 (ii) unless issued a permit described in this section that authorizes
6 the activity, may not allow:

7 1. the playing of music, including live music;

8 2. the operation of a karaoke machine;

9 3. the playing of music by a disc jockey; or

10 4. dancing, floor shows, or any other similar type of

11 entertainment.

12 (2) The Board may issue a permit described in this section only if the Board
13 finds that:

14 (i) the applicant can control the individuals using the licensed
15 premises;

16 (ii) the operation of the premises under the permit will not unduly
17 disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is
18 located; and

19 (iii) the issuing of the permit:

20 1. is necessary to accommodate the public;

21 2. will not be detrimental to the public welfare; and

22 3. will not violate a county fire, health, or building

23 regulation.

24 (b) (1) There is a music permit.

25 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class
26 BLX license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

27 (3) The permit authorizes the playing of recorded music or live music with
28 not more than two musicians.

- 1 (4) The permit holder may not allow dancing, floor shows, or similar live
2 entertainment.
- 3 (5) The annual permit fee is \$100.
- 4 (c) (1) There is an entertainment permit.
- 5 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class
6 BLX license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.
- 7 (3) The permit authorizes:
- 8 (i) live music with not more than four musicians; and
- 9 (ii) the playing of:
- 10 1. more than one television;
- 11 2. a karaoke machine; and
- 12 3. music by a disc jockey.
- 13 (4) The permit holder may not allow dancing, floor shows, or similar live
14 entertainment.
- 15 (5) The annual permit fees are:
- 16 (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license; and
- 17 (ii) \$300 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license.
- 18 (d) (1) There is a dancing permit.
- 19 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of:
- 20 (i) a Class B license;
- 21 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class
22 BLX license;
- 23 (iii) a Class C license;
- 24 (iv) a Class D license; or
- 25 (v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H
26 license.

1 (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other
2 legal forms of entertainment.

3 (4) The Board may not issue the permit to a holder of a Class BLX license
4 or a Class H license if the premises for which the Class BLX license or Class H license is
5 issued is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a place of worship or
6 school.

7 (5) The annual permit fees are:

8 (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license;

9 (ii) \$400 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license; and

10 (iii) no charge for a holder of a Class C license.

11 **(E) (1) THERE IS A LIMITED CULTURAL EVENT PERMIT.**

12 **(2) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF:**

13 **(I) A CLASS B LICENSE;**

14 **(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS**
15 **SUBSECTION, A CLASS BLX LICENSE;**

16 **(III) A CLASS C LICENSE;**

17 **(IV) A CLASS D LICENSE; OR**

18 **(V) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS**
19 **SUBSECTION, A CLASS H LICENSE.**

20 **(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PROVIDE CULTURAL**
21 **MUSIC, CULTURAL DANCING, AND OTHER LEGAL FORMS OF CULTURAL**
22 **ENTERTAINMENT FOR 1 DAY ON A SPECIFIC DATE STATED IN THE PERMIT**
23 **APPLICATION.**

24 **(4) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A**
25 **CLASS BLX LICENSE OR A CLASS H LICENSE IF THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE**
26 **CLASS BLX LICENSE OR CLASS H LICENSE IS ISSUED IS WITHIN 1,000 FEET IN A**
27 **STRAIGHT LINE FROM ENTRY TO ENTRY FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL.**

28 **(5) BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE A LICENSE**
29 **HOLDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE PLANNED CULTURAL EVENT FOR**
30 **WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUESTED, INCLUDING:**

1 (I) THE DATE OF THE EVENT; AND

2 (II) THE TYPE OF CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED.

3 (6) THE PERMIT FEES FOR EACH CULTURAL EVENT ARE:

4 (I) \$15 PER DAY FOR A HOLDER OF A BEER AND WINE LICENSE;

5 (II) \$25 PER DAY FOR A HOLDER OF A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
6 LICENSE; AND

7 (III) NO CHARGE FOR A HOLDER OF A CLASS C LICENSE.

8 [(e)] (F) (1) There is an outdoor permit.

9 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class
10 BLX license, a Class C license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

11 (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide outdoor table service to
12 customers on the grounds of the licensed establishment.

13 (4) The annual permit fee is \$100.

14 (5) Before the permit may be renewed, a holder shall obtain approval from
15 the Board.

16 [(f)] (G) (1) There is an outdoor entertainment permit.

17 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class
18 BLX license, a Class C license, a Class D license, or a Class H license who also holds a
19 music permit, an entertainment permit, or a dancing permit under this section.

20 (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide:

21 (i) the same form of entertainment outdoors that the holder is
22 allowed to provide indoors under the holder's music permit, entertainment permit, or
23 dancing permit; and

24 (ii) outdoor table service or cafe service.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2025.