

HOUSE BILL 1281

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel
5 County to issue a limited ~~cultural~~ special event permit to holders of certain alcoholic
6 beverages licenses; authorizing a permit holder to provide ~~cultural~~ music, ~~cultural~~
7 dancing, and other legal forms of ~~cultural~~ entertainment ~~on a specific date stated in~~
8 ~~the permit application~~; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel
9 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 11–1102
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:

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.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–1102.

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

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

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

1. the playing of music, including live music;
2. the operation of a karaoke machine;
3. the playing of music by a disc jockey; or
4. dancing, floor shows, or any other similar type of entertainment.

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

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

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

(iii) the issuing of the permit:

1. is necessary to accommodate the public;
2. will not be detrimental to the public welfare; and
3. will not violate a county fire, health, or building regulation.

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

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

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

5 (4) The permit holder may not allow dancing, floor shows, or similar live
6 entertainment.

7 (5) The annual permit fee is \$100.

8 (c) (1) There is an entertainment permit.

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

11 (3) The permit authorizes:

12 (i) live music with not more than four musicians; and

13 (ii) the playing of:

14 1. more than one television;

15 2. a karaoke machine; and

16 3. music by a disc jockey.

17 (4) The permit holder may not allow dancing, floor shows, or similar live
18 entertainment.

19 (5) The annual permit fees are:

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

21 (ii) \$300 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license.

22 (d) (1) There is a dancing permit.

23 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of:

24 (i) a Class B license;

25 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class
26 BLX license;

27 (iii) a Class C license;

1 (iv) a Class D license; or

2 (v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H
3 license.

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

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

10 (5) The annual permit fees are:

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

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

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

14 **(E) (1) THERE IS A LIMITED ~~CULTURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

15 **(2) THE BOARD, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO**
16 **A HOLDER OF:**

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

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

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

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

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

24 **(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PROVIDE ~~CULTURAL~~**
25 **MUSIC, ~~CULTURAL~~ DANCING, AND OTHER LEGAL FORMS OF ~~CULTURAL~~**
26 **ENTERTAINMENT ~~FOR 1 DAY ON A SPECIFIC DATE STATED IN THE PERMIT~~**
27 **APPLICATION.**

28 **(4) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A**
29 **CLASS BLX LICENSE OR A CLASS H LICENSE IF THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE**

1 CLASS BLX LICENSE OR CLASS H LICENSE IS ISSUED IS WITHIN 1,000 FEET IN A
2 STRAIGHT LINE FROM ENTRY TO ENTRY FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL.

3 (5) BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE A LICENSE
4 HOLDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE PLANNED ~~CULTURAL~~ EVENT FOR
5 WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUESTED, ~~INCLUDING:~~

6 ~~(I) THE DATE OF THE EVENT; AND~~

7 ~~(II) THE TYPE OF CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED.~~

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

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

10 ~~(II) \$25 PER DAY FOR A HOLDER OF A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR~~
11 ~~LICENSE; AND~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (ii) outdoor table service or cafe service.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.