

HOUSE BILL 1335

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By: **Caroline County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the rural special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license
4 as a multiple event license in Caroline County; authorizing holders of certain
5 multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the
6 licensed premises for a certain purpose; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
7 in Caroline County.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 15–1309
11 to be Section 15–1310
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 15–102
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
21 Section 15–1309
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2024 Replacement Volume)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

25 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
26 Section 15–1310
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2024 Replacement Volume)
2 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
4 That Section(s) 15–1309 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated
5 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15–1310.

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

8 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

9 15–102.

10 This title applies only in Caroline County.

11 **15–1309.**

12 (A) **THERE IS A RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
13 **LICENSE.**

14 (B) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE:**

15 (1) **TO THE OWNER OF A VENUE THAT IS ZONED AS A RURAL SPECIAL**
16 **EVENT VENUE UNDER COUNTY LAW; AND**

17 (2) (I) **TO THE SAME APPLICANT FOR ALL EVENTS FOR WHICH THE**
18 **LICENSE IS ISSUED; AND**

19 (II) **FOR USE AT ONLY ONE PREMISES.**

20 (C) **THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,**
21 **AND LIQUOR FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

22 (D) **THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.**

23 (E) **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE**
24 **HOURS SET IN COUNTY LAW FOR RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUES.**

25 (F) **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY PURCHASE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ONLY**
26 **FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER.**

27 (G) **A LICENSE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS**
28 **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4–505 OF THIS ARTICLE AND § 15–1902 OF THIS**
29 **TITLE.**

1 **(H) THE FEE FOR A RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE IS:**

2 **(1) \$250 FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 EVENTS PER YEAR;**

3 **(2) \$500 FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 EVENTS PER YEAR;**

4 **(3) \$750 FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 EVENTS PER YEAR; AND**

5 **(4) \$1,000 FOR NOT MORE THAN 40 EVENTS PER YEAR.**

6 15–1310.

7 (a) This section applies only to:

8 **(1) volunteer fire companies; AND**

9 **(2) A HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER § 15–1308 OF**
10 **THIS SUBTITLE OR A RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE UNDER § 15–1309 OF**
11 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

12 (b) Alcoholic beverages may be stored on the licensed premises between
13 individual licensed events if the alcoholic beverages:

14 (1) are in a specially identified locked and secured location; and

15 (2) are not sold or consumed except during licensed event hours for licensed
16 event purposes.

17 (c) (1) A license holder shall keep complete and accurate records of all
18 alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the licensed premises.

19 (2) The records shall be:

20 (i) maintained on the licensed premises for 2 years; and

21 (ii) available for inspection by authorized personnel of the
22 Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the Board.

23 (3) The records shall include a completed pre– and post–inventory of all
24 alcoholic beverages for each individual event.

25 (d) Authorized personnel of the Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the
26 Board may inspect the premises of a license holder as provided under § 6–202 of this article.

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1 (e) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:

2 (1) for the first offense, a fine of \$100; and

3 (2) for a subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 and denial of future
4 requests for a license for an individual event or a special multiple event license.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2025.