

HOUSE BILL 1335

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(5lr3024)

ENROLLED BILL
— *Economic Matters/Finance* —

Introduced by **Caroline County Delegation**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – ~~Rural~~ Special Event Venue License**
3 **and Multiple Event Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~rural~~ special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license
5 ~~as a multiple event license~~ in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License
6 Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with
7 a certain zoning classification; authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses
8 in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for a certain
9 purpose; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Caroline County.

10 ~~BY renumbering~~
11 ~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~
12 ~~Section 15 – 1309~~
13 ~~to be Section 15 – 1310~~
14 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 ~~(2024 Replacement Volume)~~

2 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
3 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
4 Section 15–102
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2024 Replacement Volume)

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
9 Section ~~15–1309~~ 15–1004
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2024 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 15–1308
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2024 Replacement Volume)

17 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
18 ~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~
19 ~~Section ~~15–1310~~ 15–1309~~
20 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
21 ~~(2024 Replacement Volume)~~
22 ~~(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)~~

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

26 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read~~
27 ~~as follows:~~

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

30 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

31 15–102.

32 This title applies only in Caroline County.

33 ~~15–1309.~~ 15–1004.

1 (A) THERE IS A ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
2 LICENSE.

3 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE:

4 (1) TO THE OWNER OF A ~~VENUE THAT IS ZONED AS A RURAL~~ SPECIAL
5 EVENT VENUE ~~UNDER COUNTY LAW~~; AND

6 (2) (I) TO THE SAME APPLICANT FOR ALL EVENTS FOR WHICH THE
7 LICENSE IS ISSUED; AND

8 (II) FOR USE AT ONLY ONE PREMISES.

9 (C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,
10 AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

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

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

14 (F) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY PURCHASE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ONLY
15 FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER.

16 (G) A LICENSE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS
17 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE AND § 15-1902 OF THIS
18 TITLE.

19 (H) THE FEE FOR A ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE IS:

20 (1) \$250 FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 EVENTS PER YEAR;

21 (2) \$500 FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 EVENTS PER YEAR;

22 (3) \$750 FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 EVENTS PER YEAR; AND

23 (4) \$1,000 FOR NOT MORE THAN 40 EVENTS PER YEAR.

24 15-1308.

25 (a) Instead of issuing individual event licenses, the Board may issue a multiple
26 event license for a particular class of license.

27 (b) The number of days for which a multiple event license may be used by a single
28 applicant may not exceed 40 per calendar year.

1 (c) (1) A multiple event license shall be issued:

2 (i) for one premises only; and

3 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, to the
4 same applicant for all events for which the license is issued.

5 (2) The Board may:

6 (i) approve in writing a substitute applicant; and

7 (ii) before approving a substitute applicant, hold a hearing.

8 (d) A server who is certified as having completed an alcohol awareness program
9 shall be on the premises for which a multiple event license is issued when alcoholic
10 beverages are served.

11 **(E) (1) THE HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER THIS**
12 **SECTION MAY STORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES**
13 **BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

14 **(I) ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED**
15 **LOCATION; AND**

16 **(II) ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED**
17 **EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.**

18 **(2) (I) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND**
19 **ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON**
20 **THE LICENSED PREMISES.**

21 **(II) THE RECORDS SHALL BE:**

22 **1. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2**
23 **YEARS; AND**

24 **2. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED**
25 **PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD.**

26 **(III) THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND**
27 **POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.**

1 (3) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE
 2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF THE
 3 LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 (4) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT
 5 TO:

6 (I) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100; AND

7 (II) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500
 8 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A
 9 SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

10 ~~[(e)]~~ (F) (1) The fee for a multiple event license is:

11 (i) \$250 for not more than 10 events per year;

12 (ii) \$500 for not more than 20 events per year;

13 (iii) \$750 for not more than 30 events per year; and

14 (iv) \$1,000 for not more than 40 events per year.

15 (2) The Board may not issue a refund if the license holder holds fewer
 16 events during the calendar year than the number of events that the license holder is
 17 entitled to hold.

18 ~~15-1310. [15-1309.]~~

19 ~~(a) This section applies only to:~~

20 ~~(1) volunteer fire companies; AND~~

21 ~~(2) A HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER § 15-1308 OF~~
 22 ~~THIS SUBTITLE OR A RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE UNDER § 15-1309 OF~~
 23 ~~THIS SUBTITLE.~~

24 ~~(b) Alcoholic beverages may be stored on the licensed premises between~~
 25 ~~individual licensed events if the alcoholic beverages:~~

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

27 ~~(2) are not sold or consumed except during licensed event hours for licensed~~
 28 ~~event purposes.~~

1 ~~(e) (1) A license holder shall keep complete and accurate records of all~~
2 ~~alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the licensed premises.~~

3 ~~(2) The records shall be:~~

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

5 ~~(ii) available for inspection by authorized personnel of the~~
6 ~~Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the Board.~~

7 ~~(3) The records shall include a completed pre and post inventory of all~~
8 ~~alcoholic beverages for each individual event.~~

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION ~~3~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 July 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.