

# HOUSE BILL 1494

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**By: Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2025

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 6, 2025

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class MT (Movie Theater) License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license  
4 in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard  
5 County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain  
6 certification; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain  
7 patrons at retail for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board to set ~~the~~  
8 ~~hours and days of sale for the license and the annual license fee~~ certain limitations  
9 on and requirements for the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in  
10 Howard County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
13 Section 23–102  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
18 Section 23–1004.2  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 23–102.

5 This title applies only in Howard County.

6 **23–1004.2.**

7 **(A) THERE IS A CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**  
8 **LICENSE.**

9 **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A MOVIE**  
10 **THEATER THAT HOLDS A CROWD CONTROL TRAINING CERTIFICATION.**

11 **(C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL**  
12 **AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A**  
13 **PATRON WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET TO A CURRENT OR FUTURE SHOWING OF A**  
14 **MOVIE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.**

15 **(D) THE BOARD MAY SET:**

16 **(1) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE FOR THE LICENSE; ~~AND~~**

17 **(2) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND**

18 **(3) ANY OTHER LIMITATIONS ON AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE**  
19 **LICENSE THAT THE BOARD CONSIDERS NECESSARY.**

20 **(E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the holder of an alcoholic  
22 beverages license for a movie theater in Howard County may renew the license only as a  
23 Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license under § 23–1004.2 of the Alcoholic  
24 Beverages and Cannabis Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

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