

SENATE BILL 731

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By: **Charles County Senators**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and
4 consumed under a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license
5 in Charles County; altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor
6 may be served; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 18–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 18–1001
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

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 18–102.

2 This title applies only in Charles County.

3 18–1001.

4 (a) There is a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license.

5 (b) The Board may issue the license to:

6 (1) the owner of a professional team franchise, whether the franchise is a
7 partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; or

8 (2) a private concessionaire that is under contract with the county or a
9 professional baseball team franchise.

10 (c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor
11 on the premises of a baseball stadium owned or operated by the county, **EXCLUDING ANY**
12 **PARKING AREAS**, to individuals present at a baseball game or other event held at the
13 stadium.

14 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, beer,
15 wine, and liquor shall be served in plastic, [Styrofoam, or] paper, **OR OTHER NONGLASS**
16 containers on the stadium premises.

17 (ii) Beer, wine, and liquor may be served in glass containers in an
18 enclosed stadium dining area in which patrons are seated.

19 (3) A patron[:

20 (i)] may consume and carry beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR**
21 anywhere on the stadium premises, **EXCLUDING ANY PARKING AREAS**]; but

22 (ii) 1. may consume liquor only in an enclosed stadium dining
23 area or bar; and

24 2. may not carry liquor out of the enclosed stadium dining
25 area or bar].

26 (4) The license holder may not allow an individual to carry alcoholic
27 beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

28 (d) Except as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section,
29 the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for
30 a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 18–2004 of this title.

- 1 (e) The Board may adopt regulations relating to:
 - 2 (1) the manner of serving alcoholic beverages;
 - 3 (2) the number of outlets authorized to serve alcoholic beverages; and
 - 4 (3) the hours and days of sale.
- 5 (f) The annual license fee is \$2,200.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.