

SENATE BILL 824

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By: **Senator McCray**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Prohibition on Class A Licenses for Chain Stores,**
3 **Supermarkets, and Discount Houses – Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on boards of license commissioners from issuing
5 a Class A alcoholic beverages license to certain retail establishments; and generally
6 relating to the issuance of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
9 Section 4–205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

15 4–205.

16 (a) This section does not apply to:

17 (1) an establishment that already holds a Class A, Class B, or Class D beer
18 license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license; or

19 (2) a license holder that sells alcoholic beverages at discount prices.

20 (b) A local licensing board may not issue a [Class A,] Class B[,] or Class D beer
21 license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license for use in conjunction with
22 or on the premises of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) a chain store;
- 2 (2) a supermarket; or
- 3 (3) a discount house.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2025.