SENATE BILL 1019

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By: **Howard County Senators** Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2025 Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
- 12 Section 23–102
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2024 Replacement Volume)
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
- 17 Section 23–1004.2
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

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Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

- 23 23-102.
- 24 This title applies only in Howard County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **23–1004.2.**

2 (A) THERE IS A CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR 3 LICENSE.

4 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A MOVIE 5 THEATER THAT HOLDS A CROWD CONTROL TRAINING CERTIFICATION.

6 (C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL 7 AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A 8 PATRON WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET TO A CURRENT OR FUTURE SHOWING OF A 9 MOVIE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

- 10 **(D) THE BOARD MAY SET:**
- 11 (1) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE FOR THE LICENSE; AND
- 12 (2) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE.
- 13 (E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the holder of an alcoholic 15 beverages license for a movie theater in Howard County may renew the license only as a 16 Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license under § 23–1004.2 of the Alcoholic 17 Beverages and Cannabis Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July1, 2025.

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