

Chapter 796

(House Bill 571)

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C ~~(Veterans’ Organization)~~
License – Event Permit Licenses – Events**

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing an event permit in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue an event permit only to a holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the permit~~ a holder of certain Class C licenses in Anne Arundel County to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain individuals for on–premises consumption during events held at the licensed premises; requiring an outside group to obtain a per diem license from the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County if the outside group holds an event hosted by the holder of a certain Class C license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–903, 11–1006, and 11–1009
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–903.

(a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, at a club at the place described in the license, for on–premises consumption, INCLUDING:

(I) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(II) TO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB OR A GUEST OF THE MEMBER.

(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.

(c) The annual license fee is \$480.

11–1006.

(a) There is a Class C (fraternal/sororal) organization license.

(b) The Board may issue the license for use by a local unit of a lodge, political organization, or chapter of a nonprofit and nationwide fraternal or service organization that:

(1) is composed only of inducted members;

(2) was operating in the county before the license application was made;

(3) has a membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) owns and operates a home or clubhouse that is principally for the use of its members and guests when accompanied by members.

(c) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for on–premises consumption, INCLUDING DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES, to:

[(1)] (I) a member of the local unit for which the license was issued; or

[(2)] (II) a member’s guest when accompanied by the member.

(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 11–2004 of this title.

(e) The annual license fee is \$400.

11–1009.

(a) There is a Class C (veterans' organization) license.

(b) The Board shall issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit organization or club that:

(1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

(2) has a charter from a national veterans' organization that was granted before the application for the license was made;

(3) has a bona fide membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for its members.

(c) **(1) ~~The~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE** license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption, **INCLUDING:**

(I) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(II) TO A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR A GUEST OF THE MEMBER.

(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 11–2004 of this title.

(e) The annual license fee is \$400.

~~(f) (1) THERE IS AN EVENT PERMIT.~~

~~(2) (i) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(ii) AN APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT SHALL COMPLETE THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.~~

~~(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE LICENSE:~~

~~(i) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES;~~

~~(ii) TO AN INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE EVENT, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION; AND~~

~~(iii) FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

~~(4) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$100.~~

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

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.