

Chapter 816

(Senate Bill 72)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sale for Off-Premises Consumption

FOR the purpose of providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only if the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County has adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses in Baltimore County that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Board from charging a certain license holder an additional fee under certain circumstances; authorizing a local licensing board to limit the quantity of alcoholic beverages sold to an individual in a single transaction; and generally relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages at restaurants and bars in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1104
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

13–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13–1104.

(A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IF THE BOARD HAS ADOPTED REGULATIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(2) IN CONSIDERING WHETHER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A CLASS B OR CLASS D LICENSE THAT AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AT A RESTAURANT OR BAR.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE BOARD THAT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL, IF AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HOLDER'S LICENSE, MIXED DRINKS OR COCKTAILS IN SEALED OR CLOSED CONTAINERS FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF:

(I) THE MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL IS PURCHASED ALONG WITH PREPARED FOOD OTHER THAN PREPACKAGED SNACKS;

(II) THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASING THE MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL:

1. IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; AND

2. PROVIDES VALID IDENTIFICATION AS PROOF OF AGE;

AND

(III) EACH MIXED DRINK OR COCKTAIL SOLD FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IS:

1. PROVIDED IN THE MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL SEALED CONTAINER OR IN A CONTAINER CLOSED WITH A CAP, CORK, SEAL, OR LID WITH NO HOLES FOR STRAWS OR SIPPING; AND

2. SOLD NOT LATER THAN 11 P.M.

(C) THE BOARD:

(1) MAY NOT CHARGE A LICENSE HOLDER AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION; AND

(2) MAY LIMIT THE QUANTITY OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT MAY BE SOLD UNDER THIS SECTION TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN A SINGLE TRANSACTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.