

Chapter 822

(Senate Bill 972)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – 40th Alcoholic Beverages District – ~~Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses~~ Authorizations and Revisions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, subject to certain limitations; prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section ~~12–1603(c)(25) and (26)~~ 12–1603(c)(13), (25), and (26) and 12–2005(d)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(27) and (28)
 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

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1603.

(c) The Board may issue:

(13) [if the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Bolton Hill Community Association,] a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of Eutaw Place in the 40th alcoholic beverages district IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BOLTON HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES MAY BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF MEMBERS;

(25) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the unit block of South Carrollton Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Hollins Roundhouse Association; and

(ii) the Board waives the minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection; **[and]**

(26) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license on the odd side of the 800 block of North Howard Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant does not convert the license to a different license class;

(ii) the applicant does not transfer the license to a different location;

(iii) alcoholic beverages are served only to patrons indoors;

(iv) alcoholic beverages sales begin not earlier than 10 a.m. and end not later than 9 p.m.;

(v) the applicant provides not more than two 12-ounce offerings of beer, two 6-ounce offerings of wine by the glass, or two 1.5-ounce offerings of liquor for on-premises consumption by a patron while the patron is provided a barbering service regulated under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;

(vi) the Board waives any requirements that sales can be made only to members and the guests of members; and

(vii) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Mount Vernon – Belvedere Association;

(27) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 1000 BLOCK OF WEST BALTIMORE STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION;

(II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION OR TO ANOTHER PERSON; AND

(III) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(28) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH CHARLES STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12-2005.

(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

(i) a Class B beer and light wine (restaurant) license;

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (restaurant) license issued under § 12-1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

(iii) a Class B-BWL (H-M) license;

(iv) a Class C beer and wine license;

(v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license;

(vi) an arena license;

(vii) a marketplace license; or

(viii) a Class M-F (municipal family fun center) license.

(2) For a license holder in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages may not begin before 10 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.:

(i) within an area bounded:

1. from the intersection of Reisterstown Road and Quantico Avenue, northwest on Reisterstown Road to the intersection with Wylie Avenue, northeast on Wylie Avenue to the intersection with Pimlico Road, northwest on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Dupont Avenue, east on Dupont Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Edgecombe Circle North, east on Edgecombe Circle North to the intersection with Finney Avenue, south on Finney Avenue to the intersection with Oakford Avenue, west on Oakford Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Loyola Northway, southwest on Loyola Northway to the intersection with Pimlico Road, southeast on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Quantico Avenue, and southwest on Quantico Avenue to the intersection with Reisterstown Road; and

2. from the intersection of [Millington Avenue] **BRUNSWICK STREET** with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on [Millington Avenue] **BRUNSWICK STREET** to the intersection with Frederick Avenue, northeast on Frederick Avenue to the intersection with [West Pratt Street] **SOUTH FRANKLINTOWN ROAD, NORTHWEST ON SOUTH FRANKLINTOWN ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION WITH HOLLINS STREET**, east on [West Pratt Street] **HOLLINS STREET** to the intersection with South Mount Street, south on South Mount Street to the intersection with Eagle Street, southwest on Eagle Street to the intersection with South Smallwood Street, northwest on South Smallwood Street to the intersection with Wilkens Avenue, and southwest on **THE EVEN SIDE OF Wilkens Avenue** to the intersection with [Millington Avenue] **BRUNSWICK STREET**;

(ii) within the area of West North Avenue between the 1000 block of West North Avenue and the 3200 block of West North Avenue, inclusive;

(iii) for a license holder within 250 yards in any direction of the area described in item (ii) of this paragraph; and

(iv) within an area bounded as follows: from the intersection of North Fulton Avenue with North Avenue, north on North Fulton Avenue to the intersection with Pennsylvania Avenue, northeast on North Fulton Avenue to the intersection with Druid Hill Avenue, southeast on Druid Hill Avenue to the intersection with Mosher Street, southwest on Mosher Street to the intersection with North Carey Street, north on North Carey Street to the intersection with North Avenue, and west on North Avenue to the intersection with North Fulton Avenue.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.