

Chapter 826

(Senate Bill 897)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alteration of License Quota

FOR the purpose of altering the quota on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County may issue to apply only to Class A licenses based on a certain ratio; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 17–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 17–1601
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

17–102.

This title applies only in Cecil County.

17–1601.

(a) (1) ~~Subject to paragraph (2)~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3)** of this subsection, the Board may not issue a number of **CLASS A** licenses that, in the aggregate, exceeds 1 for every [400] ~~1,200~~ **2,000** registered voters or major fraction in the county, as determined by the current registration of voters.

(2) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE NOT FEWER THAN 2 CLASS A LICENSES IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY.

~~(2)~~ **(3)** [A Class BLX beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license, Class C club license, motel–restaurant complex license, hotel–restaurant complex license, or Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) license] **NO OTHER CLASS OF LICENSE** may [not] be counted in the computation of the aggregate number of licenses.

(b) The quota shall be computed and applied separately for each election district of the county.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.