

Chapter 827

**(Senate Bill 802)**

AN ACT concerning

**Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2026**

FOR the purpose of adding a substitute member to the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County; establishing a certain special event permit that the Board may issue to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license; establishing certain additional requirements for certain holders of certain licenses with catering option; requiring the holder of a certain caterer’s license at a catered event to supply certain service personnel, ensure that certain service personnel are present at all times, and ensure the sale of food represents a specific amount of the total cost of the event; requiring a certain statement on an alcoholic beverages license application about the citizenship status of an applicant; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 21–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 21–202(a) and (b), 21–204, 21–401, 21–602, 21–803, 21–804, 21–804.1,  
21–806, 21–902, 21–903, 21–903.1, 21–905, 21–1002.1, 21–1201, and 21–1408  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 21–405.1  
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**

21–102.

This title applies only in Garrett County.

21-202.

(a) (1) The Governor shall appoint three members to the Board **AND ONE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER.**

(2) The appointments shall be made:

(i) if there is a resident Senator elected from the county, with the advice and consent of the Senate; or

(ii) if there is no resident Senator elected from the county, with confirmation by the House of Delegates.

(b) (1) Each member of the Board shall be:

(i) a resident and voter of the county; and

(ii) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity.

(2) An individual who is receiving compensation from the county may not be appointed to the Board.

(3) (i) Two members of the Board shall be members of the same political party as that of a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners.

(ii) One member of the Board shall be a member of a political party other than the one represented by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

**(4) THE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER:**

**(I) MAY SERVE ON THE BOARD IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM OF THE REGULAR MEMBERS DUE TO ILLNESS OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST; AND**

**(II) HAS ALL OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A REGULAR MEMBER WHEN SERVING ON THE BOARD.**

21-204.

(a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board shall meet at least once each month.

(2) The chair may cancel a meeting for lack of an agenda.

(b) (1) In accordance with § 32.44 of the Garrett County Code of Ordinances, the County Commissioners shall set the salaries of the members of the Board, **INCLUDING THE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER.**

(2) When attending meetings, each member is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(c) The County Commissioners shall provide to the Board:

- (1) administrative, clerical, and accounting services as needed; and
- (2) (i) legal counsel through the office of the County Attorney; or
  - (ii) funds for the payment for competent private legal counsel.

21-401.

(a) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 2-201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);
- (2) [§ 2-205 (“Class 3 winery license”);
- (3)] § 2-207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);
- [(4)] **(3)** § 2-209 (“Class 7 micro-brewery license”);
- [(5)] **(4)** § 2-211 (“Residency requirement”);
- [(6)] **(5)** § 2-212 (“Additional licenses”);
- [(7)] **(6)** § 2-213 (“Additional fees”);
- [(8)] **(7)** § 2-214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);
- [(9)] **(8)** § 2-215 (“Beer sale on credit to retail dealer prohibited”);
- [(10)] **(9)** § 2-216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and retailers”);
- [(11)] **(10)** § 2-217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages – Prohibited practices”); and

**[(12)] (11)** § 2–218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and retailers – Prohibited”).

(b) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

(1) § 2–202 (“Class 1 distillery license”), subject to § 21–403 of this subtitle;

(2) § 2–203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”), subject to § 21–403.1 of this subtitle;

(3) § 2–204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”), subject to § 21–404 of this subtitle;

(4) **§ 2–205 (“CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO § 21–405.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

**(5)** § 2–206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”), subject to **[§ 21–405] §§ 21–405 AND 21–405.1** of this subtitle;

**[(5)] (6)** § 2–208 (“Class 6 pub–brewery license”), subject to § 21–406 of this subtitle; and

**[(6)] (7)** § 2–210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”), subject to § 21–407 of this subtitle.

**21–405.1.**

**(A) THERE IS A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

**(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE OR A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.**

**(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, WINE PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER, SPARKLING WINE THAT IS NATURALLY OR ARTIFICIALLY CARBONATED, AND LIQUOR AT A PRIVATE EVENT FOR WHICH THE ENTIRE LICENSED PREMISES HAS BEEN RENTED.**

**(D) (1) THE PERMIT SHALL BE USED FOR PRIVATE PARTIES THAT ARE SCHEDULED AND RESERVED AT LEAST 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE ACTUAL EVENT.**

**(2) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR A PRIVATE EVENT:**

**(I) FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE, INCLUDING THE USE OF A LICENSED KITCHEN AND BAR FACILITY FOR PREPARING AND SERVING MEALS AND BEVERAGES ON THE PREMISES;**

**(II) SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING TABLES FOR ON-PREMISES MEAL SERVICE; AND**

**(III) AN ASSEMBLY AREA THAT COMPLIES WITH THE STATE'S FIRE CODE.**

**(E) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT:**

**(1) HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE LICENSED CATERER OR OTHER CONTRACTED PARTY; AND**

**(2) ALLOW THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ENTER ANY PART OF THE LICENSED PREMISES WHILE THE PRIVATE EVENT IS BEING HELD.**

**(F) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL PURCHASE BEER, SPARKLING WINE THAT IS NATURALLY OR ARTIFICIALLY CARBONATED, OR LIQUOR INTENDED FOR SALE UNDER THE PERMIT FROM A LICENSED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RETAILER LOCATED IN THE COUNTY.**

**(G) (1) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL KEEP ALL RECEIPTS FROM PURCHASES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF PURCHASE.**

**(2) THE RECEIPTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE BOARD.**

**(H) A PERMIT HOLDER THAT INTENDS TO USE THE PERMIT SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT IS TO OCCUR ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD.**

**(I) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL ENSURE THAT:**

**(1) SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF, ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE PRIVATE EVENT WHEN FOOD OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE AVAILABLE; AND**

**(2) AT LEAST ONE PERMIT HOLDER OR ONE EMPLOYEE WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE IS ON THE PREMISES WHILE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE AVAILABLE.**

**(J) (1) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY USE THE PERMIT NOT MORE THAN 32 TIMES IN A CALENDAR YEAR.**

**(2) A PRIVATE EVENT MAY EXTEND UP TO 7 DAYS IF THE EVENT IS FOR THE SAME CLIENT.**

**(K) (1) A PRIVATE EVENT MAY BE HELD MONDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.**

**(2) SUNDAY SALES ARE ALLOWED FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT IN:**

**(I) COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICTS 11 AND 15; AND**

**(II) ANY OTHER COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICT OR PRECINCT OF A COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE VOTERS IN A REFERENDUM AUTHORIZED BY LAW APPROVE SUNDAY SALES AS SPECIFIED IN THIS PARAGRAPH.**

**(L) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT STORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE NOT PRODUCED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER ON THE MANUFACTURER'S LICENSED PREMISES IN BETWEEN EVENTS.**

**(M) (1) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$1,750.**

**(2) THE BOARD SHALL CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW PERMIT IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE.**

21-602.

(a) There is a Class B beer license.

(b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer for on- or off-premises consumption:

(1) at a hotel, a motel, or an inn that:

(i) accommodates the public;

(ii) provides services ordinarily found in hotels, motels, or inns;

(iii) is equipped with at least 10 bedrooms for public accommodation;

and

(iv) has a lobby with a registration and mail desk, and seating; or

(2) a restaurant that:

(i) has seating at tables, not including bars or counters, for at least 20 individuals; and

(ii) can prepare and serve full-course meals for at least 20 individuals at one seating.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license with or without a catering option.

(2) A license holder with a catering option may sell beer for consumption at events that the holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder:

(i) shall provide food if the holder provides beer at a catered event off the licensed premises; and

(ii) may exercise the catering option only during the hours and days that are allowed under the license.

**(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE BEER IS SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(d) The annual license fees are:

(1) \$150 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

(2) \$250 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

(3) \$175 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

(4) \$275 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

(e) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21-803.

(a) There is a Class B beer and wine license.

(b) (1) The Board may issue the license for use in:

(i) a hotel, a motel, or an inn that:

1. provides services ordinarily found in a hotel, a motel, or an inn;
2. is equipped with at least 10 bedrooms for public accommodation; and
3. has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities; or

(ii) a restaurant that:

1. has seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least 20 individuals; and
2. can prepare and serve full-course meals for at least 20 individuals at one seating.

(2) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

- (i) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and
- (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

(2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (b)(2) of this section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at the catered event.

(4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the hours and days that are allowed under the license.

**(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(d) The annual license fees are:

- (1) \$350 for a 6-day license without a catering option;
- (2) \$475 for a 6-day license with a catering option;
- (3) \$410 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and
- (4) \$535 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

(e) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21-804.

(a) There is a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer and wine license.

(b) The license may be issued to a holder of:

- (1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or
- (2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe restaurant, as defined in the regulations of the Board, that:

(i) has seating for at least 20 individuals; and

(ii) has a minimum capital investment of \$25,000 for the restaurant facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

(2) If the applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase.

(3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

(i) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and

(ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

(d) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

(2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (c)(3) of this section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at the catered event.

(4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the hours and days that the Board allows.

**(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

- (e) The annual license fees are:
  - (1) \$500 for a 6–day license without a catering option;
  - (2) \$625 for a 6–day license with a catering option;
  - (3) \$585 for a 7–day license without a catering option; and
  - (4) \$710 for a 7–day license with a catering option.

(f) The Board shall charge a one–time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21–804.1.

(a) There is a Class BDR–DC (deluxe complex restaurant) beer and wine license.

(b) The license may be issued to a holder of:

- (1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or
- (2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe complex restaurant, as defined in the regulations of the Board, that:

- (i) has seating for at least 20 individuals; and
- (ii) has a minimum capital investment of \$25,000 for the restaurant facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

(2) If the applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase.

(3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

- (i) beer and wine for on–premises consumption; and
  - (ii) beer for off–premises consumption.
- (d) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

(2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (c)(3) of this section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at the catered event.

(4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the hours and days that the Board allows.

**(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(e) The annual license fees are:

(1) \$500 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

(2) \$625 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

(3) \$585 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

(4) \$710 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

(f) The Board shall:

(1) charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee; and

(2) adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-806.

(a) There is a Class D beer and wine license.

(b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

(2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (b) of this section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at the catered event.

(4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the hours and days that the Board allows.

**(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(d) The license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

(e) The annual license fees are:

(1) \$350 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

(2) \$475 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

(3) \$410 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

(4) \$535 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

(f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21–902.

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

(b) The Board shall deny an application for a license under this section if the Board determines that the business to be operated under this license will not enhance recreational, business, and economic development in the county.

(c) The Board may issue the license for use by a hotel or motel that:

(1) is an establishment to accommodate the public by providing customary hotel or motel services;

(2) has at least 10 rooms; and

(3) has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities.

(d) The Board may issue the license for use by a restaurant that:

(1) has seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least 20 individuals; and

(2) can prepare and serve full–course meals for at least 20 individuals at one seating.

(e) The license authorizes the license holder to sell at a hotel, motel, or restaurant at retail at the place described in the license:

(1) beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption; and

(2) beer for off–premises consumption.

(f) (1) The catering option authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at events catered by the license holder **[in the county] off the licensed premises ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(2) A license holder providing alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the licensed premises shall also provide food.

(3) The license holder may exercise catering privileges only during hours and days that are authorized under the Class B license.

**(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(g) The annual license fees are:

(1) \$1,500 for a 6-day license without the catering option;

(2) \$2,000 for a 6-day license with the catering option;

(3) \$1,750 for a 7-day license without the catering option; and

(4) \$2,250 for a 7-day license with the catering option.

(h) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21-903.

(a) There is a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:

(1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or

(2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe restaurant as defined by the Board with:

(i) seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least 20 individuals; and

(ii) a capital investment of at least \$250,000 for the restaurant facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

(2) If an applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase or lease.

(3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

- (i) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and
- (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

(d) (1) A license holder of a Class BDR license may acquire a catering option that authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at events catered by the license holder [in the county] off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(2) A license holder providing alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the licensed premises shall also provide food.

(3) The license holder may exercise catering privileges only during hours and days that are authorized under the Class B license.

**(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(e) The annual license fees are:

- (1) \$2,250 for a 6-day license without a catering option;
- (2) \$2,750 for a 6-day license with a catering option;
- (3) \$2,625 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

(4) \$3,125 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

(f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21-903.1.

(a) There is a Class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:

(1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or

(2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

(c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe complex restaurant, as defined in the regulations of the Board, with:

(i) seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least 20 individuals; and

(ii) a capital investment of at least \$250,000 for the restaurant facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

(2) If an applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase or lease.

(3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

(i) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and

(ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

(d) (1) A license holder of a Class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) license may acquire a catering option that authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at events catered by the license holder [in the county] off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

(2) A license holder providing alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the licensed premises shall also provide food.

(3) The license holder may exercise catering privileges only during hours and days that are authorized under the Class B license.

**(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(e) The annual license fees are:

- (1) \$2,250 for a 6-day license without a catering option;
- (2) \$2,750 for a 6-day license with a catering option;
- (3) \$2,625 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and
- (4) \$3,125 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

(f) The Board shall:

- (1) charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee; and
- (2) adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-905.

(a) (1) There is:

- (i) a Class D (75% on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; and
- (ii) a Class D (75% off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(2) The Board may not issue a license under this section to a grocery store whose primary business is to sell food at retail to the public for off-premises consumption.

(b) The Board shall issue the license for on-premises consumption for use by an establishment whose total beer, wine, and liquor sales are at least 75% on-premises consumption and not more than 25% off-premises consumption.

(c) The Board shall issue the license for off-sale consumption for use by an establishment whose total beer, wine, and liquor sales are at least 75% off-premises consumption and not more than 25% on-premises consumption.

(d) (1) A holder of the license with a catering option may sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at events that the holder caters off the licensed premises during the hours and days that the Board allows.

(2) The license holder shall provide food if the license holder provides alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

**(3) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(e) The annual license fees are:

- (1) \$1,500 for a 6-day (on-sale) license without a catering option;
- (2) \$2,000 for a 6-day (on-sale) license with a catering option;
- (3) \$3,000 for a 6-day (off-sale) license;
- (4) \$1,750 for a 7-day (on-sale) license without a catering option;
- (5) \$2,250 for a 7-day (on-sale) license with a catering option; and

(6) \$3,500 for a 7-day (off-sale) license.

(f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21-1002.1.

(a) There is a Class B-resort beer and wine license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a license holder for a complex that has at least two facilities that are:

(1) located on the same contiguous property;

(2) separated by at least 150 feet from the main area of the licensed premises; and

(3) determined by the Board to be hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant facilities.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell at a hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant facility at retail at the place described in the license:

(1) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and

(2) beer for off-premises consumption.

(d) The license holder may sell beer and wine during the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer and wine license under § 21-2003 of this title.

(e) **(1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE WITH OR WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION.**

**(2) A LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CATERING OPTION MAY SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS CATERED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

**(3) A LICENSE HOLDER PROVIDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CATERED EVENT OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOOD.**

**(4) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE CATERING PRIVILEGES ONLY DURING HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CLASS B LICENSE.**

**(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

**(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

**(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(F)** The annual license fees are:

- (1) \$700 for a 6-day license for two facilities;
- (2) \$350 for each additional facility for a 6-day license;
- (3) \$820 for a 7-day license for two facilities; and
- (4) \$410 for each additional facility for a 7-day license.

**[(f)] (G)** The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee.

21-1201.

(a) There is a local caterer's license.

(b) (1) The Board may issue the license to a person that:

(i) has facilities to prepare and deliver food to the site of a catered event;

(ii) obtains approval of the facilities from the county Department of Health; and

(iii) does not hold any other license that the Board issues.

(2) A license holder is not required to have a banquet hall.

(c) The license authorizes a holder to:

(1) sell or provide off-sale alcoholic beverages during a catered event; and

(2) exercise the privileges of the license only during the hours and on the days that are authorized for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

**(d) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CATERED EVENT ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

**(E)** The license holder may not:

(1) hold a catered event that the license holder sponsors; or

(2) provide only alcoholic beverages at a catered event.

**[(e)] (F)** The license holder shall:

(1) purchase all alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler or retail dealer licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the county;

(2) contract for and provide food for consumption at the catered event;

**(3) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND WAIT STAFF;**

**(4) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT;**

**(5) ENSURE THAT THE SALE OF FOOD REPRESENTS AT LEAST 70% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE CATERED EVENT;**

**[(3)] (6)** during the catered event, ensure that at least one individual on the site is certified by an alcohol awareness program under § 4-505 of this article; and

**[(4)] (7)** at the end of the catered event, return all containers of alcoholic beverages that are not empty to the license holder's principal place of business.

**[(f)] (G)** (1) The issuing fee that is charged for each new license is \$500.

(2) The annual license fee is \$500.

(a) At the time an application for an alcoholic beverages license is filed, at least one of the applicants shall be a resident of the State.

(b) **AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE IN THE COUNTY SHALL INCLUDE ON THE APPLICATION:**

**(1) A STATEMENT INDICATING WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS A NATURAL-BORN CITIZEN OR A NATURALIZED CITIZEN; OR**

**(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES:**

**(I) A STATEMENT THAT THE APPLICANT'S IMMIGRATION STATUS IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW; AND**

**(II) EVIDENCE TO VERIFY THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF THE APPLICANT.**

(c) The license remains valid only for as long as at least one of the applicants remains a resident of the State.

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.**