

Chapter 839

(Senate Bill 681)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Board of License Commissioners – Membership

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members on the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 33–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 33–202
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

33–102.

This title applies only in Worcester County.

33–202.

(a) The Governor shall appoint [three] **FIVE** members to the Board, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) Each member of the Board shall be:

(1) a resident and voter of the county; and
(2) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity.

(c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

(2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on [July 1, 2016] **JUNE 1, 2026**.

(d) (1) The Governor shall appoint an eligible individual to fill a vacancy during the remainder of the term of office of the individual originally appointed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(2) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(e) (1) The Governor may remove a member for misconduct in office, incompetence, or willful neglect of duty.

(2) The Governor shall give a member who is charged a copy of the charges against the member and, with at least 10 days' notice, an opportunity to be heard publicly in person or by counsel.

(3) If a member is removed, the Governor shall file with the Office of the Secretary of State a statement of charges against the member and the Governor's findings on the charges.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The terms of the three members of the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County who are in office on the effective date of this Act shall expire as follows:

(1) the term of the one member whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2027, shall expire on June 30, 2027; and

(2) the term of the two members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2029, shall expire on June 30, 2029.

(b) The initial terms of the two additional members of the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall begin July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.