

HOUSE BILL 121

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 13–102
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
21 Section 13–1104
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

26 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-102.

2 This title applies only in Baltimore County.

3 13-1104.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 1. IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD; AND

22 2. PROVIDES VALID IDENTIFICATION AS PROOF OF AGE;
23 AND

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

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

29 2. SOLD NOT LATER THAN 11 P.M.

30 (C) THE BOARD:

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

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

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2026.