

HOUSE BILL 519

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By: **Delegate Pruski**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Entertainment Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the titles of certain entertainment permits for certain alcoholic
4 beverages license holders in Anne Arundel County; altering the authorized forms of
5 entertainment that certain entertainment permit holders in the county may provide;
6 adding a certain zoning requirement for residential property applicable to certain
7 entertainment permit holders in the county; and generally relating to alcoholic
8 beverages entertainment permits in Anne Arundel County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 11–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 11–1102(a), (b), (c), and (d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

22 11–102.

23 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

24 11–1102.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (i) may allow piped-in background music or one television screen;
4 but

7 1. the playing of music, including live music;

10 4. [dancing,] floor shows[,] or any other similar type of
11 entertainment.

12 (2) The Board may issue a permit described in this section only if the Board
13 finds that:

14 (i) the applicant can control the individuals using the licensed
15 premises;

19 (iii) the issuing of the permit:

1. is necessary to accommodate the public;

21 2. will not be detrimental to the public welfare; and

24 (b) (1) There is a [music] BACKGROUND ENTERTAINMENT permit.

25 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class
26 BLX license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

27 (3) The permit authorizes the playing of:

28 (I) MORE THAN ONE TELEVISION; AND

(II) recorded music or [live music with not more than two musicians]

2 PIPED-IN BACKGROUND MUSIC.

3 (4) The permit holder may not allow [dancing,] floor shows[,] or similar
4 live entertainment.

5 (5) The annual permit fee is \$100.

6 (c) (1) There is [an] A GENERAL entertainment permit.

9 (3) The permit authorizes:

10 (i) THE HOLDER TO PROVIDE THE ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWED
11 UNDER A BACKGROUND ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT;

12 (II) live music with not more than four musicians; and

14 1. [more than one television] **TRIVIA GAMES;**

15 2. a karaoke machine; and

17 (4) (I) The permit holder may not allow [dancing.] floor shows[,] or
18 similar live entertainment.

22 (5) The annual permit fees are:

23 (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license; and

24 (ii) \$300 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license.

25 (d) (1) There is a [dancing] **FULL ENTERTAINMENT** permit.

26 (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of:

- (i) a Class B license;
- (ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class
- (iii) a Class C license;
- (iv) a Class D license; or
- (v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H

(3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide:

(I) THE ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWED UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT; AND

11 (II) music, [dancing] A PERMANENT DANCE FLOOR, A STAGE
12 AREA, FLOOR SHOWS, and other legal forms of entertainment.

(III) IF THE ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH SECTION WILL OCCUR OUTSIDE, THE AREA USED FOR THE EVENT MUST 100 FEET FROM ANY RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY.

24 (5) The annual permit fees are:

- (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license;
- (ii) \$400 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license; and
- (iii) no charge for a holder of a Class C license.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2026.