

HOUSE BILL 998

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By: **Delegate Clippinger**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
4 authorize the transfer of a Class B–D–7 license from an area in the 40th alcoholic
5 beverages district into the 46th alcoholic beverages district; authorizing a license
6 holder in a certain area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district to keep and allow
7 individuals to consume alcohol donated by a manufacturer or wholesaler under
8 certain circumstances; extending for a certain amount of time the expiration of an
9 alcoholic beverage license issued for a certain area for certain transfer and renewal
10 purposes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 12–102 and 12–1604(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
18 Section 12–1604(k)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1604.

(a) This section applies only to the 46th alcoholic beverages district, which at all times is coterminous with the 46th legislative district in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(K) THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS B–D–7 LICENSE FROM THE 700 BLOCK OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT FOR USE BY AN ESTABLISHMENT ON THE 200 BLOCK OF SOUTH HIGH STREET IN THE 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding §§ 6–308 and 6–311 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a licensed establishment on the south side of the unit block of West Pratt Street may keep and allow individuals to consume on the licensed premises alcoholic beverages donated by a manufacturer or wholesaler if:

(1) the alcoholic beverages are donated and served at an event for which a nonprofit entity has rented the licensed premises;

(2) the licensee has provided to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City evidence of the nonprofit status of the entity renting the licensed premises;

(3) the licensee serves the alcohol donated for the event;

(4) any related taxes have been remitted; and

(5) the licensee only keeps and serves alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a single rental contract.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2027, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year and transferred to a new owner at a premises in the 700 block of Aliceanna Street.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of

1 May 31, 2028, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General
2 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.