

HOUSE BILL 1474

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Transfers and Conversions**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain prohibitions on a transfer to different premises or a
4 conversion to a different class of license that apply to certain alcoholic beverages
5 licenses issued, reissued, or transferred by the Board of License Commissioners for
6 Baltimore County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
7 Baltimore County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 13–102 and 13–1604(a), (b)(1) and (2), and (e)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 13–1604(f)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

21 13–102.

22 This title applies only in Baltimore County.

23 13–1604.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this section, “eligible transferor district” means an election district in which
2 the total number of Class B and Class D licenses, excluding exception licenses, is 10% or
3 greater than the total number of Class B and Class D licenses that are allowed in an
4 election district based on the rule of the Board that limits the total number of licenses
5 available in an election district by population.

6 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the Board may
7 approve the transfer of a Class B or Class D license in existence in an eligible transferor
8 district on June 1, 2025, to another election district if:

9 (i) the approval occurs anytime from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2028,
10 both inclusive; and

11 (ii) prior to the transfer, the number of licenses in existence in the
12 election district to which the license is to be transferred is not greater than 25% more than
13 the number of licenses that would otherwise exist in that election district, based on the rule
14 of the Board that limits the total number of licenses available in an election district by
15 population.

16 (2) (i) The Board may not authorize the transfer of more than five Class
17 B or Class D licenses in existence on June 1, 2025, in total under this section.

18 (ii) Not more than two licenses may be transferred under this
19 subsection into any single election district.

20 (e) (1) When a license is transferred from an eligible transferor district to
21 another election district under this section, the license does not continue to exist in the
22 eligible transferor district from which it was transferred.

23 (2) Subject to the 25% allowance authorized in subsection (b)(1)(ii) of this
24 section, the Board shall consider a license transferred under this section to be a regular
25 license and not an exception license for determining the total number of licenses available
26 in an election district based on the rule of the Board.

27 (f) [(1)] The Board[:

28 (i)] shall convert a Class D license that is transferred from an eligible
29 transferor district to any other election district to a Class B license[: and

30 (ii) may not thereafter transfer the Class B license from the licensed
31 premises or convert the license to another class of license.

32 (2) The Board may not transfer from a licensed premises or convert a
33 license to another class of license:

1 (i) a new license issued by the Board based on an increase in
2 population under the rule of the Board limiting the total number of licenses available by
3 population; or

4 (ii) a license that has been revoked and reissued by the Board].

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