

HOUSE BILL 1526

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By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 1 Distillery On–Premises**
3 **Consumption Permit**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing in Carroll County a Class 1 distillery on–premises
5 consumption permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll
6 County to issue the permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license; authorizing the
7 holder of the permit to sell, prepare, and serve certain food, nonalcoholic beverages,
8 and alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption; authorizing the holder of the
9 permit to use the licensed premises for events; and generally relating to Class 1
10 distillery on–premises consumption permits in Carroll County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 2–202(a), (e), and (i) and 16–102
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
18 Section 16–401
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

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.



1 Section 16–406
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

6 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

7 2–202.

8 (a) There is a Class 1 distillery license.

9 (e) Subject to subsection (f) of this section, a license holder may conduct the
10 activities specified in subsections (c)(5) and (i)(2) of this section from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each
11 day.

12 (i) (1) A local licensing board may grant an on–site consumption permit for
13 use at the location of the Class 1 distillery license to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license.

14 (2) (i) The permit authorizes the holder to sell mixed drinks made from
15 liquor that the holder produces that is mixed with other nonalcoholic ingredients for
16 on–premises consumption.

17 (ii) The holder may not use more than an aggregate of 7,750 gallons
18 annually of liquor the holder produces for mixed drinks sold under subparagraph (i) of this
19 paragraph.

20 (3) A local licensing board:

21 (i) may establish and charge a permit fee; and

22 (ii) shall require the permit holder to:

23 1. comply with the alcohol awareness requirements under §
24 4–505 of this article; and

25 2. abide by all applicable trade practice restrictions.

26 16–102.

27 This title applies only in Carroll County.

28 16–401.

29 (a) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of
30 Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- 1 (1) § 2–201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);
- 2 (2) [§ 2–202 (“Class 1 distillery license”);
- 3 (3)] § 2–203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”);
- 4 [(4)] (3) § 2–204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”);
- 5 [(5)] (4) § 2–205 (“Class 3 winery license”);
- 6 [(6)] (5) § 2–207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);
- 7 [(7)] (6) § 2–210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”);
- 8 [(8)] (7) § 2–211 (“Residency requirement”);
- 9 [(9)] (8) § 2–212 (“Additional licenses”);
- 10 [(10)] (9) § 2–213 (“Additional fees”);
- 11 [(11)] (10) § 2–214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);
- 12 [(12)] (11) § 2–216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and
- 13 retailers”);
- 14 [(13)] (12) § 2–217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages — Prohibited
- 15 practices”); and
- 16 [(14)] (13) § 2–218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and
- 17 retailers — Prohibited”).

18 (b) Section 2–215 (“Beer sale on credit to retail dealer prohibited”) of Division I of

19 this article does not apply in the county.

20 (c) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of

21 Division I of this article apply in the county:

22 (1) **§ 2–202 (“CLASS 1 DISTILLERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO § 16–406**

23 **OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

24 (2) § 2–206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”), subject to § 16–403 of this

25 subtitle;

26 [(2)] (3) § 2–208 (“Class 6 pub–brewery license”), subject to § 16–404 of

27 this subtitle; and

1 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) § 2-209 (“Class 7 micro-brewery license”), subject to § 16-405 of
2 this subtitle.

3 **16-406.**

4 (A) **THERE IS A CLASS 1 DISTILLERY ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT.**

5 (B) **THE PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 1 DISTILLERY**
6 **LICENSE.**

7 (C) **THE PERMIT SERVES AS THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION PERMIT**
8 **REQUIRED UNDER § 2-202(E) AND (I) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

9 (D) **(1) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL, PREPARE, AND**
10 **SERVE:**

11 ~~(1)~~ **(I) FOOD;**

12 ~~(2)~~ **(II) NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND**

13 ~~(3)~~ **(III) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, INCLUDING BRANDY, RUM,**
14 **WHISKEY, AND NEUTRAL SPIRITS THAT ARE DISTILLED, RECTIFIED, BLENDED, AND**
15 **BOTTLED AT THE DISTILLERY FOR ON- AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION TO THE**
16 **EXTENT THE PERMIT HOLDER IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CLASS 1 DISTILLERY**
17 **LICENSE.**

18 ~~(E)~~ **(2) THE AUTHORIZATION TO SELL, PREPARE, AND SERVE FOOD AND**
19 **NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNDER THIS ~~SECTION~~ SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO**
20 **APPROVAL BY THE CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

21 (E) **(1) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO USE THE LICENSED**
22 **PREMISES FOR EVENTS.**

23 **(2) ANY ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT**
24 **AN EVENT HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL**
25 **COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

26 (F) **AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE**
27 **A DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSED AREA FOR CONSUMPTION UNDER THE PERMIT AND**
28 **SHOW CLEAR DELINEATION FROM THE MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING**
29 **FACILITIES.**

1 **(G) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION**
2 **AND TO SET THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.