

SENATE BILL 636

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By: **Senator M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the deadline by which a certain fee must be paid by the holder
4 of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to
5 exercise certain Sunday sales privileges; altering the deadline by which a license
6 holder must present to the Board certain proof that all of the license holder's personal
7 property taxes due to Baltimore City and the State have been paid; and generally
8 relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 12–102
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 12–2003(a), 12–2004(a), and 12–2103
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 12–102.

23 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

24 12–2003.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) (1) Except as provided in § 12–2005 of this subtitle, a holder of a Class A beer and light wine license may sell beer and light wine:

(i) on Monday through Saturday:

1. from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006; and

2. from 6 a.m. to midnight in all other locations in the City; and

(ii) on the Sundays that fall between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., if[, on or before September 30 of that year,] the license holder has paid a supplementary license fee of \$120 for each Sunday the privilege is to be exercised.

(2) In addition to the privileges specified under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, the license holder may sell beer and light wine for off-premises consumption on two additional Sundays during the calendar year if the holder pays a license fee of \$120 at least 2 weeks before each time the privilege is exercised.

12–2004.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor:

(i) on Monday through Saturday:

1. from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006;

2. from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in an area bounded as follows: from the intersection of Belair Road and Anntana Avenue, southwest on Belair Road to the intersection of Belair Road and Frankford Avenue, southeast on Frankford Avenue to the intersection of Frankford Avenue and Sipple Avenue, west on Sipple Avenue to the intersection of Sipple Avenue and Crenshaw Avenue, southeast on Crenshaw Avenue to the intersection of Crenshaw Avenue and Goodnow Road, southeast on Goodnow Road to the intersection of Goodnow Road and Sinclair Lane, northeast on Sinclair Lane to the intersection of Sinclair Lane and Radecke Avenue, west on Radecke Avenue to the intersection of Radecke Avenue and Anntana Avenue, then north on Anntana Avenue to the intersection of Anntana Avenue and Belair Road; and

3. from 6 a.m. to midnight in all other locations in the City; and

1 (ii) on the Sundays that fall between Thanksgiving Day and New
2 Year's Day, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., if[, on or before September 30 of that year,] the license
3 holder has paid a supplementary license fee of \$120 for each Sunday the privilege is to be
4 exercised.

5 (2) In addition to the privileges specified under paragraph (1)(ii) of this
6 subsection, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption
7 on two additional Sundays during the calendar year if the holder pays a license fee of \$120
8 at least 2 weeks before each time the privilege is exercised.

9 12-2103.

10 (a) The Board shall immediately suspend without a hearing the renewal license
11 of a license holder that fails to present to the Board by [October 30] **MARCH 30** annually
12 a certificate issued by the Director of Finance showing that all personal property taxes due
13 to the City or State are paid.

14 (b) The Board shall immediately reinstate a license suspended under this section
15 without a hearing on presentation of the required certificate.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2026.