

SENATE BILL 681

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By: **Senator Carozza**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Board of License Commissioners – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of members on the Board of License
4 Commissioners for Worcester County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
5 in Worcester County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
8 Section 33–102
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 33–202
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

19 33–102.

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 This title applies only in Worcester County.

2 33–202.

3 (a) The Governor shall appoint [three] **FIVE** members to the Board, subject to the
4 advice and consent of the Senate.

5 (b) Each member of the Board shall be:

6 (1) a resident and voter of the county; and

7 (2) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business
8 capacity.

9 (c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

10 (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms
11 provided for members of the Board on [July 1, 2016] **JUNE 1, 2026**.

12 (d) (1) The Governor shall appoint an eligible individual to fill a vacancy
13 during the remainder of the term of office of the individual originally appointed in
14 accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

15 (2) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the
16 remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

17 (e) (1) The Governor may remove a member for misconduct in office,
18 incompetence, or willful neglect of duty.

19 (2) The Governor shall give a member who is charged a copy of the charges
20 against the member and, with at least 10 days' notice, an opportunity to be heard publicly
21 in person or by counsel.

22 (3) If a member is removed, the Governor shall file with the Office of the
23 Secretary of State a statement of charges against the member and the Governor's findings
24 on the charges.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

26 (a) The terms of the three members of the Board of License Commissioners for
27 Worcester County who are in office on the effective date of this Act shall expire as follows:

28 (1) the term of the one member whose term is scheduled to expire on June
29 30, 2027, shall expire on June 30, 2027; and

30 (2) the term of the two members whose terms are scheduled to expire on
31 June 30, 2029, shall expire on June 30, 2029.

1 (b) The initial terms of the two additional members of the Board of License
2 Commissioners for Worcester County, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall begin July
3 1, 2026.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
5 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.