

# SENATE BILL 718

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By: **Senator Folden**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class L Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor permit in Frederick  
4 County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to  
5 issue the permit to a holder of a manufacturer's license that also holds a certain  
6 license or permit; specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell or  
7 provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under  
8 certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick  
9 County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
12 Section 20–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
17 Section 20–409  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

23 20–102.

24 This title applies only in Frederick County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **20-409.**

2 (A) THERE IS A CLASS L BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PERMIT.

3 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO THE HOLDER OF A  
4 MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE THAT ALSO HOLDS A CLASS DBR BREWERY LICENSE OR  
5 A CLASS DDS DISTILLERY PERMIT.

6 (C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER, FOR ON-PREMISES  
7 CONSUMPTION, TO:

8 (1) SELL BY THE GLASS BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR PRODUCED BY THE  
9 HOLDER OR ANOTHER HOLDER OF A MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE;

10 (2) SELL BY THE GLASS MIXED DRINKS FROM PRODUCTS  
11 MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER OR ANOTHER HOLDER OF A MANUFACTURER'S  
12 LICENSE; AND

13 (3) ALLOW FOR TASTING OF THE BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR THAT IS  
14 AUTHORIZED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AT NO COST, IN A QUANTITY NOT  
15 EXCEEDING:

16 (I) 6 TOTAL OUNCES OF BEER PER INDIVIDUAL PER VISIT;

17 (II) 6 TOTAL OUNCES OF WINE PER INDIVIDUAL PER VISIT;

18 (III) 1.5 TOTAL OUNCES OF LIQUOR PER INDIVIDUAL PER VISIT,  
19 WHICH MAY BE MIXED WITH OTHER NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND

20 (IV) FOR A COMBINATION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR, 6  
21 OUNCES OF BEER AND WINE IN TOTAL AND 0.5 OUNCES OF LIQUOR.

22 (D) THE HOURS OF SALE OR TASTING FOR THE PERMIT ARE THE SAME AS  
23 THOSE FOR THE UNDERLYING MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.

24 (E) THE HOLDER MUST COMPLY WITH THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING  
25 REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE, SUBJECT TO § 20-1903 OF THIS  
26 TITLE.

27 (F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

28 (G) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$250.

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