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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2026**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a substitute member to the Board of License Commissioners for
4 Garrett County; establishing a certain special event permit that the Board may issue
5 to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license; establishing
6 certain additional requirements for certain holders of certain licenses with catering
7 option; requiring the holder of a certain caterer’s license at a catered event to supply
8 certain service personnel, ensure that certain service personnel are present at all
9 times, and ensure the sale of food represents a specific amount of the total cost of the
10 event; requiring a certain statement on an alcoholic beverages license application
11 about the citizenship status of an applicant; and generally relating to alcoholic
12 beverages in Garrett County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 21–102
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
20 Section 21–202(a) and (b), 21–204, 21–401, 21–602, 21–803, 21–804, 21–804.1,
21 21–806, 21–902, 21–903, 21–903.1, 21–905, 21–1002.1, 21–1201, and 21–1408
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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 BY adding to
2 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
3 Section 21–405.1
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

9 21–102.

10 This title applies only in Garrett County.

11 21–202.

12 (a) (1) The Governor shall appoint three members to the Board **AND ONE**
13 **SUBSTITUTE MEMBER.**

14 (2) The appointments shall be made:

15 (i) if there is a resident Senator elected from the county, with the
16 advice and consent of the Senate; or

17 (ii) if there is no resident Senator elected from the county, with
18 confirmation by the House of Delegates.

19 (b) (1) Each member of the Board shall be:

20 (i) a resident and voter of the county; and

21 (ii) an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized
22 business capacity.

23 (2) An individual who is receiving compensation from the county may not
24 be appointed to the Board.

25 (3) (i) Two members of the Board shall be members of the same political
26 party as that of a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners.

27 (ii) One member of the Board shall be a member of a political party
28 other than the one represented by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

29 **(4) THE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER:**

1 **(I) MAY SERVE ON THE BOARD IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM**
2 **OF THE REGULAR MEMBERS DUE TO ILLNESS OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST; AND**

3 **(II) HAS ALL OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A REGULAR**
4 **MEMBER WHEN SERVING ON THE BOARD.**

5 21–204.

6 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board shall meet at least
7 once each month.

8 (2) The chair may cancel a meeting for lack of an agenda.

9 (b) (1) In accordance with § 32.44 of the Garrett County Code of Ordinances,
10 the County Commissioners shall set the salaries of the members of the Board, **INCLUDING**
11 **THE SUBSTITUTE MEMBER.**

12 (2) When attending meetings, each member is entitled to reimbursement
13 for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

14 (c) The County Commissioners shall provide to the Board:

15 (1) administrative, clerical, and accounting services as needed; and

16 (2) (i) legal counsel through the office of the County Attorney; or

17 (ii) funds for the payment for competent private legal counsel.

18 21–401.

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

21 (1) § 2–201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);

22 (2) [§ 2–205 (“Class 3 winery license”);

23 (3)] § 2–207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);

24 **[(4) (3) § 2–209 (“Class 7 micro–brewery license”);**

25 **[(5) (4) § 2–211 (“Residency requirement”);**

26 **[(6) (5) § 2–212 (“Additional licenses”);**

27 **[(7) (6) § 2–213 (“Additional fees”);**

- 1 **[(8)] (7)** § 2–214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);
- 2 **[(9)] (8)** § 2–215 (“Beer sale on credit to retail dealer prohibited”);
- 3 **[(10)] (9)** § 2–216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and
4 retailers”);
- 5 **[(11)] (10)** § 2–217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages – Prohibited
6 practices”); and
- 7 **[(12)] (11)** § 2–218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and
8 retailers – Prohibited”).

9 (b) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of
10 Division I of this article apply in the county:

- 11 (1) § 2–202 (“Class 1 distillery license”), subject to § 21–403 of this subtitle;
- 12 (2) § 2–203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”), subject to § 21–403.1 of
13 this subtitle;
- 14 (3) § 2–204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”), subject to § 21–404 of this subtitle;
- 15 (4) **§ 2–205 (“CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO § 21–405.1 OF**
16 **THIS SUBTITLE;**
- 17 (5) § 2–206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”), subject to **[§ 21–405] §§**
18 **21–405 AND 21–405.1** of this subtitle;
- 19 **[(5)] (6)** § 2–208 (“Class 6 pub–brewery license”), subject to § 21–406 of
20 this subtitle; and
- 21 **[(6)] (7)** § 2–210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”), subject to § 21–407 of
22 this subtitle.

23 **21–405.1.**

24 (A) **THERE IS A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

25 (B) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 WINERY**
26 **LICENSE OR A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.**

27 (C) **THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL FOR ON–PREMISES**
28 **CONSUMPTION BEER, WINE PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER, SPARKLING WINE THAT IS**

1 NATURALLY OR ARTIFICIALLY CARBONATED, AND LIQUOR AT A PRIVATE EVENT FOR
2 WHICH THE ENTIRE LICENSED PREMISES HAS BEEN RENTED.

3 (D) (1) THE PERMIT SHALL BE USED FOR PRIVATE PARTIES THAT ARE
4 SCHEDULED AND RESERVED AT LEAST 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE ACTUAL EVENT.

5 (2) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES
6 FOR A PRIVATE EVENT:

7 (I) FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE, INCLUDING THE USE OF A
8 LICENSED KITCHEN AND BAR FACILITY FOR PREPARING AND SERVING MEALS AND
9 BEVERAGES ON THE PREMISES;

10 (II) SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS, INCLUDING TABLES FOR
11 ON-PREMISES MEAL SERVICE; AND

12 (III) AN ASSEMBLY AREA THAT COMPLIES WITH THE STATE'S
13 FIRE CODE.

14 (E) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT:

15 (1) HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST IN THE
16 LICENSED CATERER OR OTHER CONTRACTED PARTY; AND

17 (2) ALLOW THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ENTER ANY PART OF THE
18 LICENSED PREMISES WHILE THE PRIVATE EVENT IS BEING HELD.

19 (F) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL PURCHASE BEER, SPARKLING WINE THAT
20 IS NATURALLY OR ARTIFICIALLY CARBONATED, OR LIQUOR INTENDED FOR SALE
21 UNDER THE PERMIT FROM A LICENSED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RETAILER LOCATED
22 IN THE COUNTY.

23 (G) (1) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL KEEP ALL RECEIPTS FROM
24 PURCHASES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF
25 PURCHASE.

26 (2) THE RECEIPTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY
27 THE BOARD.

28 (H) A PERMIT HOLDER THAT INTENDS TO USE THE PERMIT SHALL NOTIFY
29 THE BOARD AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT IS TO OCCUR ON A FORM
30 PROVIDED BY THE BOARD.

- 1 (i) accommodates the public;
- 2 (ii) provides services ordinarily found in hotels, motels, or inns;
- 3 (iii) is equipped with at least 10 bedrooms for public accommodation;
- 4 and
- 5 (iv) has a lobby with a registration and mail desk, and seating; or

6 (2) a restaurant that:

- 7 (i) has seating at tables, not including bars or counters, for at least
- 8 20 individuals; and
- 9 (ii) can prepare and serve full-course meals for at least 20
- 10 individuals at one seating.

11 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license with or without a catering option.

12 (2) A license holder with a catering option may sell beer for consumption

13 at events that the holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO**

14 **A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A**

15 **LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

16 (3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder:

- 17 (i) shall provide food if the holder provides beer at a catered event
- 18 off the licensed premises; and
- 19 (ii) may exercise the catering option only during the hours and days
- 20 that are allowed under the license.

21 **(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE BEER IS SERVED, THE HOLDER**

22 **OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

23 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**

24 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

25 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**

26 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

27 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**

28 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**

29 **ARTICLE.**

1 (d) The annual license fees are:

- 2 (1) \$150 for a 6-day license without a catering option;
- 3 (2) \$250 for a 6-day license with a catering option;
- 4 (3) \$175 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and
- 5 (4) \$275 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

6 (e) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
7 equal to the annual license fee.

8 21-803.

9 (a) There is a Class B beer and wine license.

10 (b) (1) The Board may issue the license for use in:

11 (i) a hotel, a motel, or an inn that:

- 12 1. provides services ordinarily found in a hotel, a motel, or an
13 inn;
- 14 2. is equipped with at least 10 bedrooms for public
15 accommodation; and
- 16 3. has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating
17 facilities; or

18 (ii) a restaurant that:

- 19 1. has seating at tables, not including seats at bars or
20 counters, for at least 20 individuals; and
- 21 2. can prepare and serve full-course meals for at least 20
22 individuals at one seating.

23 (2) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place
24 described in the license:

25 (i) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and

26 (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

27 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

1 (2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (b)(2) of this
2 section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption
3 at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE**
4 **COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT**
5 **HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

6 (3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at
7 the catered event.

8 (4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the
9 hours and days that are allowed under the license.

10 **(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
11 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

12 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
13 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

14 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
15 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

16 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
17 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
18 **ARTICLE.**

19 (d) The annual license fees are:

20 (1) \$350 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

21 (2) \$475 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

22 (3) \$410 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

23 (4) \$535 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

24 (e) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
25 equal to the annual license fee.

26 21-804.

27 (a) There is a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer and wine license.

28 (b) The license may be issued to a holder of:

29 (1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or

1 (2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different
2 jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

3 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe restaurant, as
4 defined in the regulations of the Board, that:

5 (i) has seating for at least 20 individuals; and

6 (ii) has a minimum capital investment of \$25,000 for the restaurant
7 facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

8 (2) If the applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital
9 investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the
10 assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State
11 Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase.

12 (3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place
13 described in the license:

14 (i) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and

15 (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

16 (d) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

17 (2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (c)(3) of this
18 section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption
19 at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE**
20 **COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT**
21 **HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

22 (3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at
23 the catered event.

24 (4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the
25 hours and days that the Board allows.

26 **(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
27 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

28 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
29 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

30 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
31 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

1 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
2 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
3 **ARTICLE.**

4 (e) The annual license fees are:

5 (1) \$500 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

6 (2) \$625 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

7 (3) \$585 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

8 (4) \$710 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

9 (f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
10 equal to the annual license fee.

11 21-804.1.

12 (a) There is a Class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) beer and wine license.

13 (b) The license may be issued to a holder of:

14 (1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or

15 (2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different
16 jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

17 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe complex restaurant,
18 as defined in the regulations of the Board, that:

19 (i) has seating for at least 20 individuals; and

20 (ii) has a minimum capital investment of \$25,000 for the restaurant
21 facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

22 (2) If the applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital
23 investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the
24 assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State
25 Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase.

26 (3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place
27 described in the license:

28 (i) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and

29 (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

1 (d) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

2 (2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (c)(3) of this
3 section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption
4 at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE**
5 **COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT**
6 **HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

7 (3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at
8 the catered event.

9 (4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the
10 hours and days that the Board allows.

11 **(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
12 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

13 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
14 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

15 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
16 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

17 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
18 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
19 **ARTICLE.**

20 (e) The annual license fees are:

21 (1) \$500 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

22 (2) \$625 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

23 (3) \$585 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

24 (4) \$710 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

25 (f) The Board shall:

26 (1) charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to
27 the annual license fee; and

28 (2) adopt regulations to carry out this section.

29 21-806.

1 (a) There is a Class D beer and wine license.

2 (b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the
3 place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption.

4 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license with a catering option.

5 (2) In addition to exercising the privileges stated in subsection (b) of this
6 section, a holder of a license with a catering option may sell beer and wine for consumption
7 at events that the license holder caters off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE**
8 **COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT**
9 **HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

10 (3) To exercise the catering option, the license holder shall provide food at
11 the catered event.

12 (4) The license holder may exercise the catering option only during the
13 hours and days that the Board allows.

14 **(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
15 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

16 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
17 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

18 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
19 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

20 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
21 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
22 **ARTICLE.**

23 (d) The license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

24 (e) The annual license fees are:

25 (1) \$350 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

26 (2) \$475 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

27 (3) \$410 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

28 (4) \$535 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

1 (f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
2 equal to the annual license fee.

3 21-902.

4 (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

5 (b) The Board shall deny an application for a license under this section if the
6 Board determines that the business to be operated under this license will not enhance
7 recreational, business, and economic development in the county.

8 (c) The Board may issue the license for use by a hotel or motel that:

9 (1) is an establishment to accommodate the public by providing customary
10 hotel or motel services;

11 (2) has at least 10 rooms; and

12 (3) has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities.

13 (d) The Board may issue the license for use by a restaurant that:

14 (1) has seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least
15 20 individuals; and

16 (2) can prepare and serve full-course meals for at least 20 individuals at
17 one seating.

18 (e) The license authorizes the license holder to sell at a hotel, motel, or restaurant
19 at retail at the place described in the license:

20 (1) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and

21 (2) beer for off-premises consumption.

22 (f) (1) The catering option authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and
23 liquor for consumption at events catered by the license holder [in the county] off the
24 licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE**
25 **ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY**
26 **LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

27 (2) A license holder providing alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the
28 licensed premises shall also provide food.

29 (3) The license holder may exercise catering privileges only during hours
30 and days that are authorized under the Class B license.

1 **(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
2 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

3 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
4 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

5 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
6 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

7 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
8 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
9 **ARTICLE.**

10 (g) The annual license fees are:

11 (1) \$1,500 for a 6-day license without the catering option;

12 (2) \$2,000 for a 6-day license with the catering option;

13 (3) \$1,750 for a 7-day license without the catering option; and

14 (4) \$2,250 for a 7-day license with the catering option.

15 (h) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
16 equal to the annual license fee.

17 21-903.

18 (a) There is a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license.

19 (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:

20 (1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or

21 (2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different
22 jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

23 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe restaurant as
24 defined by the Board with:

25 (i) seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at
26 least 20 individuals; and

27 (ii) a capital investment of at least \$250,000 for the restaurant
28 facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

1 (2) If an applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital
2 investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the
3 assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State
4 Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase or lease.

5 (3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place
6 described in the license:

7 (i) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and

8 (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

9 (d) (1) A license holder of a Class BDR license may acquire a catering option
10 that authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at events
11 catered by the license holder [in the county] off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE**
12 **COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT**
13 **HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

14 (2) A license holder providing alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the
15 licensed premises shall also provide food.

16 (3) The license holder may exercise catering privileges only during hours
17 and days that are authorized under the Class B license.

18 (4) **AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
19 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

20 (I) **SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
21 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

22 (II) **ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
23 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

24 (III) **HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
25 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
26 **ARTICLE.**

27 (e) The annual license fees are:

28 (1) \$2,250 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

29 (2) \$2,750 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

30 (3) \$2,625 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

31 (4) \$3,125 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

1 (f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
2 equal to the annual license fee.

3 21-903.1.

4 (a) There is a Class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor
5 license.

6 (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:

7 (1) any Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; or

8 (2) an equivalent license that the local licensing board of a different
9 jurisdiction issues only for use by a restaurant.

10 (c) (1) The Board may issue the license for use by a deluxe complex restaurant,
11 as defined in the regulations of the Board, with:

12 (i) seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at
13 least 20 individuals; and

14 (ii) a capital investment of at least \$250,000 for the restaurant
15 facilities, not including the cost of land or buildings.

16 (2) If an applicant purchases or leases an existing building, the capital
17 investment attributable to the cost of the land and improvements shall be based on the
18 assessed value of the land and improvements in accordance with the records of the State
19 Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase or lease.

20 (3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place
21 described in the license:

22 (i) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and

23 (ii) beer for off-premises consumption.

24 (d) (1) A license holder of a Class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) license
25 may acquire a catering option that authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and
26 liquor for consumption at events catered by the license holder [in the county] off the
27 licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE
28 ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY
29 LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

30 (2) A license holder providing alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the
31 licensed premises shall also provide food.

1 (3) The license holder may exercise catering privileges only during hours
2 and days that are authorized under the Class B license.

3 **(4) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
4 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

5 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
6 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

7 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
8 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

9 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
10 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
11 **ARTICLE.**

12 (e) The annual license fees are:

13 (1) \$2,250 for a 6-day license without a catering option;

14 (2) \$2,750 for a 6-day license with a catering option;

15 (3) \$2,625 for a 7-day license without a catering option; and

16 (4) \$3,125 for a 7-day license with a catering option.

17 (f) The Board shall:

18 (1) charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to
19 the annual license fee; and

20 (2) adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21 21-905.

22 (a) (1) There is:

23 (i) a Class D (75% on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; and

24 (ii) a Class D (75% off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

25 (2) The Board may not issue a license under this section to a grocery store
26 whose primary business is to sell food at retail to the public for off-premises consumption.

1 (b) The Board shall issue the license for on-premises consumption for use by an
2 establishment whose total beer, wine, and liquor sales are at least 75% on-premises
3 consumption and not more than 25% off-premises consumption.

4 (c) The Board shall issue the license for off-sale consumption for use by an
5 establishment whose total beer, wine, and liquor sales are at least 75% off-premises
6 consumption and not more than 25% on-premises consumption.

7 (d) (1) A holder of the license with a catering option may sell beer, wine, and
8 liquor for consumption at events that the holder caters off the licensed premises during the
9 hours and days that the Board allows.

10 (2) The license holder shall provide food if the license holder provides
11 alcoholic beverages at a catered event off the licensed premises **ANYWHERE IN THE**
12 **COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT**
13 **HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

14 **(3) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
15 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

16 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
17 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

18 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
19 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

20 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
21 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
22 **ARTICLE.**

23 (e) The annual license fees are:

24 (1) \$1,500 for a 6-day (on-sale) license without a catering option;

25 (2) \$2,000 for a 6-day (on-sale) license with a catering option;

26 (3) \$3,000 for a 6-day (off-sale) license;

27 (4) \$1,750 for a 7-day (on-sale) license without a catering option;

28 (5) \$2,250 for a 7-day (on-sale) license with a catering option; and

29 (6) \$3,500 for a 7-day (off-sale) license.

30 (f) The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount
31 equal to the annual license fee.

1 21-1002.1.

2 (a) There is a Class B-resort beer and wine license.

3 (b) The Board may issue the license to a license holder for a complex that has at
4 least two facilities that are:

5 (1) located on the same contiguous property;

6 (2) separated by at least 150 feet from the main area of the licensed
7 premises; and

8 (3) determined by the Board to be hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant
9 facilities.

10 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell at a hotel, motel, recreational,
11 or restaurant facility at retail at the place described in the license:

12 (1) beer and wine for on-premises consumption; and

13 (2) beer for off-premises consumption.

14 (d) The license holder may sell beer and wine during the hours and days as set
15 out for a Class B beer and wine license under § 21-2003 of this title.

16 (e) **(1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE WITH OR WITHOUT A**
17 **CATERING OPTION.**

18 **(2) A LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CATERING OPTION MAY SELL**
19 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS CATERED BY THE LICENSE**
20 **HOLDER OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF**
21 **LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE**
22 **A TEMPORARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

23 **(3) A LICENSE HOLDER PROVIDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A**
24 **CATERED EVENT OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOOD.**

25 **(4) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE CATERING PRIVILEGES**
26 **ONLY DURING HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CLASS B**
27 **LICENSE.**

28 **(5) AT EACH CATERED EVENT WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE**
29 **SERVED, THE HOLDER OF THE CATERING OPTION SHALL:**

1 **(I) SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS**
2 **AND WAIT STAFF;**

3 **(II) ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT**
4 **ALL TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT; AND**

5 **(III) HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON AT THE CATERED EVENT WHO**
6 **IS CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 4-505 OF THIS**
7 **ARTICLE.**

8 **(F)** The annual license fees are:

9 (1) \$700 for a 6-day license for two facilities;

10 (2) \$350 for each additional facility for a 6-day license;

11 (3) \$820 for a 7-day license for two facilities; and

12 (4) \$410 for each additional facility for a 7-day license.

13 **[(f)] (G)** The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an
14 amount equal to the annual license fee.

15 21-1201.

16 (a) There is a local caterer's license.

17 (b) (1) The Board may issue the license to a person that:

18 (i) has facilities to prepare and deliver food to the site of a catered
19 event;

20 (ii) obtains approval of the facilities from the county Department of
21 Health; and

22 (iii) does not hold any other license that the Board issues.

23 (2) A license holder is not required to have a banquet hall.

24 (c) The license authorizes a holder to:

25 (1) sell or provide off-sale alcoholic beverages during a catered event; and

26 (2) exercise the privileges of the license only during the hours and on the
27 days that are authorized for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

1 (d) **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CATERED**
2 **EVENT ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY TO A PERSON OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE ON**
3 **PREMISES THAT EITHER DO NOT HAVE A LICENSE OR HAVE A TEMPORARY LICENSE**
4 **ISSUED BY THE BOARD.**

5 (E) The license holder may not:

6 (1) hold a catered event that the license holder sponsors; or

7 (2) provide only alcoholic beverages at a catered event.

8 [(e)] (F) The license holder shall:

9 (1) purchase all alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler or retail dealer
10 licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the county;

11 (2) contract for and provide food for consumption at the catered event;

12 (3) **SUPPLY SERVICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BARTENDERS AND**
13 **WAIT STAFF;**

14 (4) **ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT AT ALL**
15 **TIMES DURING THE CATERED EVENT;**

16 (5) **ENSURE THAT THE SALE OF FOOD REPRESENTS AT LEAST 70% OF**
17 **THE TOTAL COST OF THE CATERED EVENT;**

18 [(3)] (6) during the catered event, ensure that at least one individual on
19 the site is certified by an alcohol awareness program under § 4–505 of this article; and

20 [(4)] (7) at the end of the catered event, return all containers of alcoholic
21 beverages that are not empty to the license holder's principal place of business.

22 [(f)] (G) (1) The issuing fee that is charged for each new license is \$500.

23 (2) The annual license fee is \$500.

24 21–1408.

25 (a) At the time an application for an alcoholic beverages license is filed, at least
26 one of the applicants shall be a resident of the State.

27 (b) **AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE IN THE COUNTY SHALL INCLUDE ON THE**
28 **APPLICATION:**

1 **(1) A STATEMENT INDICATING WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS A**
2 **NATURAL-BORN CITIZEN OR A NATURALIZED CITIZEN; OR**

3 **(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES:**

4 **(I) A STATEMENT THAT THE APPLICANT’S IMMIGRATION**
5 **STATUS IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW; AND**

6 **(II) EVIDENCE TO VERIFY THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF THE**
7 **APPLICANT.**

8 **(C) The license remains valid only for as long as at least one of the applicants**
9 **remains a resident of the State.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
11 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.