

SENATE BILL 846

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By: **Senator Carozza**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Temporary To-Go Event Permit and**
3 **Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Worcester County;
5 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue a
6 temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license
7 under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer,
8 wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per
9 diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county;
10 requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic
11 beverages in Worcester County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 33–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
19 Section 33–902
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
24 Section 33–1105 and 33–1311
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

33–102.

This title applies only in Worcester County.

33–902.

(a) There are:

(1) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 6–day license; and

(2) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 7–day license.

(b) (1) The Board may issue a 6–day license for use in:

(i) a hotel that has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly; or

(ii) a restaurant that has seating at tables for at least 70 individuals.

(2) The Board may issue a 7–day license for use in:

(i) a hotel that:

1. has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly;

2. provides services ordinarily found in hotels;

3. has a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating

facilities; and

4. has an enclosed dining area that serves full–course meals
from menus at least two times a day; or

(ii) a restaurant that has:

1. a seating capacity at tables for at least 70 individuals;

2. an enclosed dining area that serves full–course meals from
menus at least two times a day; and

3. average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the
average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages during the license term.

(3) The Board may not issue a license under this section for use in a hotel or restaurant unless the hotel or restaurant is:

(i) operated in a clean and sanitary manner; and

(ii) has proper restroom facilities.

(4) Before a license under this section may be issued for a premises in a municipality, the license application:

(i) shall be approved by the Board; and

(ii) may be subject to approval by the mayor and town council of the municipality.

(c) A license under this section authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor, at retail, at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption or on- and off-premises consumption.

(d) (1) The annual license fees are:

(i) \$1,750 for a 6-day license; and

(ii) \$2,000 for a 7-day license.

(2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, all license fees shall be distributed to the general fund of the county.

(ii) If the licensed premises is located in a municipality, 75% of the license fees shall be distributed to the municipality.

(E) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER § 33-1105 OF THIS TITLE TO A HOLDER OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 33-1311 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT AND INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.

33-1105.

(A) THERE IS A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN AND FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLASS B LICENSE AND INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.

(D) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(E) THE TERM OF THE PERMIT IS THE SAME AS THE TERM OF THE ASSOCIATED CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMIT, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:

(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;

(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;

(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;

(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS; AND

(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.

(G) THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT IS \$20 PER DAY.

33-1311.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR SOLD BY A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER § 33-1105 OF THIS TITLE TO ENTER A DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 7 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

1 **(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A MUNICIPALITY IN THE**
2 **COUNTY.**

3 **(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE**
4 **OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING**
5 **REGULATIONS RELATED TO:**

6 **(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;**

7 **(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;**

8 **(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;**

9 **(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS;**

10 **(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING**
11 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT**
12 **PERMIT; AND**

13 **(6) PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.**

14 **(E) THE FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$45 PER DAY.**

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