

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.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 33–102.

5 This title applies only in Worcester County.

6 33–902.

7 (a) There are:

8 (1) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 6–day license; and
9 (2) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor 7–day license.

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

11 (i) a hotel that has at least 20 rooms and serves meals regularly; or
12 (ii) a restaurant that has seating at tables for at least 70 individuals.

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

14 (i) a hotel that:

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

16 2. provides services ordinarily found in hotels;

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

18 facilities; and

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

21 (ii) a restaurant that has:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 33-1105.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **33-1311.**

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

27 **(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW BEER, WINE,**
28 **AND LIQUOR SOLD BY A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER §**
29 **33-1105 OF THIS TITLE TO ENTER A DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA DESCRIBED**
30 **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.