

SENATE BILL 972

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By: **Senator Hayes**

Introduced and read first time: February 14, 2026

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – 40th Alcoholic Beverages District – Class B Beer, Wine, and**
3 **Liquor Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
5 issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic
6 beverages district, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to alcoholic
7 beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

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

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 12–1603(c)(25) and (26)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
20 Section 12–1603(c)(27) and (28)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-102.

2 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

3 12-1603.

4 (c) The Board may issue:

5 (25) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even
6 side of the unit block of South Carrollton Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

7 (i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the
8 Hollins Roundhouse Association; and

9 (ii) the Board waives the minimum seating requirement under item
10 (1)(ii)2 of this subsection; [and]

11 (26) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license on the odd side of the 800 block
12 of North Howard Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

13 (i) the applicant does not convert the license to a different license
14 class;

15 (ii) the applicant does not transfer the license to a different location;

16 (iii) alcoholic beverages are served only to patrons indoors;

17 (iv) alcoholic beverages sales begin not earlier than 10 a.m. and end
18 not later than 9 p.m.;

19 (v) the applicant provides not more than two 12-ounce offerings of
20 beer, two 6-ounce offerings of wine by the glass, or two 1.5-ounce offerings of liquor for
21 on-premises consumption by a patron while the patron is provided a barbering service
22 regulated under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;

23 (vi) the Board waives any requirements that sales can be made only
24 to members and the guests of members; and

25 (vii) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the
26 Mount Vernon – Belvedere Association;

27 **(27) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT**
28 **ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 1000 BLOCK OF WEST BALTIMORE STREET IN THE 40TH**
29 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:**

1 **(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF**
2 **UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION;**

3 **(II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A**
4 **DIFFERENT LOCATION OR TO ANOTHER PERSON; AND**

5 **(III) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT**
6 **UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

7 **(28) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT**
8 **ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH CHARLES STREET IN THE 40TH**
9 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:**

10 **(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF**
11 **UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION; AND**

12 **(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT**
13 **UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

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