

HOUSE BILL 322

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2020

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Cinema/Theater License**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain time and area restrictions on the consumption of beer,
4 wine, and liquor in a cinema or theater for which a certain license has been issued
5 in Frederick County; authorizing the on–premises consumption of beer, wine, and
6 liquor in the lobby or a screening room or performance hall in the licensed premises
7 of the cinema or theater; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 20–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 20–1003.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 20–102.

23 This title applies only in Frederick County.

24 20–1003.1.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

2 (b) The Board may issue the license for use in a for-profit cinema or theater that
3 has one or more screening rooms or performance halls.

4 (c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor
5 for on-premises consumption by the can, bottle, or drink:

6 (i) [in a designated area of the lobby, for 45 minutes before a movie
7 starts or a theater performance starts] **IN THE LOBBY OR A SCREENING ROOM OR**
8 **PERFORMANCE HALL;** and

9 (ii) to an individual who has a ticket to a movie or a theater
10 performance and proper identification.

11 (2) A license holder shall offer for sale food other than candy and popcorn.

12 (d) A customer may consume beer, wine, or liquor anywhere on the licensed
13 premises.

14 (e) A license holder may exercise the privileges of the license Monday through
15 Sunday.

16 (f) An individual serving beer, wine, or liquor:

17 (1) may not mix the contents of one bottle with the contents of another
18 bottle; and

19 (2) shall remove or destroy all empty bottles and cans.

20 (g) (1) A license holder shall:

21 (i) obtain a crowd control training certificate from a program that is
22 certified by the State; and

23 (ii) while selling beer, wine, and liquor, have one certified crowd
24 control manager on the licensed premises for every 250 individuals present.

25 (2) Notwithstanding § 20-1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require
26 one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the
27 licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.

28 (h) The annual license fee is \$1,500.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2020.