

# **SB 821 - Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of**

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February 23, 2023

The Honorable Melony Ghee Griffith, Chair  
Finance Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing  
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### RE: SENTATE BILL 821 - GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023

Dear Chair Griffith:

The Board County Commissioners for Garrett County supports Senate Bill 821. This legislative request relates to Title 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article specific to Garrett County. The request includes housekeeping amendments to the Class B BWL hotel or motel license, Gift Basket Permit, Class C Multiple Day License, Class C Multiple-Event License, Sunday hours, and the Expiration of a license.

- The request to amend the Class B BWL license for a hotel or motel from requiring at least 25 rooms to 10 rooms is to allow a currently licensed motel that has less than 25 rooms to upgrade their license.
- The change to the Gift Basket Permit was requested by the permit holder to also purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler. The amendments to the Multiple-Day and Multiple-Event License are to allow a qualifying non-profit who holds a license of a different class or nature to also hold a Class C multiple-day or multiple-event license for a fundraiser.
- The expansion of Sunday sales hours was requested by several license holders to expand the hours when their customers could purchase alcoholic beverages due to consumer demand. The Board agreed with the request to open earlier on Sunday where permitted.
- The request for the framework revision to the expiration of a license in Garrett County would allow under certain situations a license may expire six months after the license holder has closed or stopped active beverages business operations. This is a result of a request by several licensed businesses that have recently closed and are trying to sell the business with the license that the license be placed on hold.
- Garrett County would like to move away from the State provision of the license expiring 10 days after a license holder has vacated or been evicted from the license premise. This amendment would allow the license to be placed on hold for up to six months under certain conditions and considerations.

The Board of County Commissioners supports the request of the Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board ask for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 821.

Thank you for your consideration.

On Behalf of the Board,



Kevin G. Null

County Administrator

# **SB 0821 Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of**

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# **SB 0821**

**February 24, 2023 @ 1:00 PM**

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February 15, 2023

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The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board ask for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 0821 and thank you for the support you may give this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Owston  
Administrator of the Board of License Commissioners

cc: Delegate James Hinebaugh, Jr.  
Senator Mike McKay

# **HB 0905 Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of**

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# **HB 0905**

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The Honorable C. T. Wilson, Chair  
Economic Matters Committee  
House Office Building, Room 231  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HOUSE BILL 0905 - GARRETT COUNTY  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2023

Dear Chair Wilson:

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board requested the Garrett County Delegation to introduce House Bill 0905. The legislative request relates to Title 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article specific to Garrett County. The request includes housekeeping amendments to the Class B BWL hotel or motel license, Gift Basket Permit, Class C Multiple-Day License, Class C Multiple-Event License, Sunday hours and the expiration of a license.

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Sincerely,

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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

Senate Bill 821 – Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2023

February 19, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Griffith, Vice Chairwoman Klausmeier, and Members of the Committee,

The purpose of the bill is to allow the same alcohol licenses given to large hotels to be extended to smaller hotels and motels. Also, in the bill it attempts to expand the authorization of a gift basket permit to include alcoholic beverages purchased from wholesalers, as well as expand the hours of business on Sundays, and allow easier access to non-profits for obtaining licenses for multiple events.

Thank you very much and I ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike McKay, District 1  
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland  
Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties