

2015 Legislative Session:

Alcoholic Beverages

STATEWIDE:

1. Senate Bill 937 - House Bill 1288 – Alcoholic Beverages – Ban on Powdered Alcohol

- (1) Both bills prohibit a person from selling or offering for sale alcoholic beverages that are sold in powder or crystalline form to be used directly or in combination with water or any other substance.
- (2) A violator of this statute is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to a \$1,000.
- (3) The bills terminate on June 30, 2016.

2. Senate Bill 643 – House Bill 330 – Alcoholic Beverages – Microbreweries

- (1) Both bills authorize the holder of a Class 7 microbrewery license to apply for and obtain one additional microbrewery license for another premise under specific conditions.
- (2) A holder of one or two microbrewery licenses may distribute not more than 3,000 barrels of beer; brew, bottle, or contract for not more than 22,500 barrels; and sell up to 4,000 barrels for on premises consumption.
- (3) All of these limits are for barrels produced in aggregate from all of the licensee's premises.

3. Senate Bill 673 – House Bill 526 – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festivals

- (1) The identical bills establish a nonprofit beer festival permit that a local licensing board may issue as long as the nonprofit meets specified requirements.
- (2) The permit fee is \$100.
- (3) The bills also authorize the Comptroller's Office to issue a brewing company off-site permit to a Class 5 brewery, a Class 7 microbrewery, or a Class 8 farm brewery and to license or allow these licensees to participate in specified festivals, farmers' markets, fairs, and other events.

4. House Bill 290 – Alcoholic Beverages – Winery Off-Site Permits

- (1) This bill requires a winery off-site permit holder to notify the Comptroller's Office of its intention to attend an off-site event within a time period determined by the Comptroller's Office, instead of no later than the twentieth (20th) day of the month preceding the off-site event.
- (2) The bill increases from 21 to 32, the number of events that a winery off-site permit holder may attend statewide in a calendar year.

5. House Bill 291 – Alcoholic Beverages – Direct Wine Shipper's Permits

- (1) This bill requires a direct wine shipper to report to the Comptroller's Office, in a manner determined by the Comptroller, information about the direct wine shipper's wine shipments, instead of reporting quarterly to the Comptroller's Office on the total amount of wine, by type, shipped in the State, the price charged, and the name and address of each purchaser.

LOCAL BILLS:

1. Senate Bill 644 – House Bill 515 – Alcoholic Beverages – Allegany County – Microbrewery/Restaurant License

- (1) These identical bills establish a special Class B-MB (microbrewery/restaurant) license in Allegany County with an annual license fee of \$900 and which may be issued by the Board of License Commissioners to a holder of a Class 7 microbrewery manufacturer's license.
- (2) The license holder may sell at retail, beer and light wine by the drink or by the bottle for on-premises consumption and liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption, in areas including a banquet room and a patio on the licensed premises.
- (3) Alcoholic beverages may be sold on Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.
- (4) The license holder may also sell beer and light wine by the bottle for off-premises consumption on Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

2. Senate Bill 921 – House Bill 868 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Penalties for Sales to Underage Persons

- (1) Both bills increase the maximum fine, from \$500 to \$1,000 that the Baltimore City Board of Liquor Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a person less than 21 years of age.

3. Senate Bill 339 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Belvedere Square

- (1) Repeals the prohibition on the issuance of a new alcoholic beverages license within, or the transfer of an existing license into a specified geographic area in Baltimore City.
- (2) The bill authorizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages in any indoor or outdoor seating area located at 511 through 529 East Belvedere Avenue, and while crossing East Belvedere Avenue during a permitted special event while the street is closed.

4. Senate Bill 818 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Transfer of Licenses

- (1) Authorizes the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in the 3000 block of Frederick Avenue in Ward 20, precinct 9 of Legislative District 44A in Baltimore City based on the Legislative Districting Plan of 2012.
- (2) The bill also adds an exception to a prohibition against the transfer of a license or issuance of a license within 300 feet of a church or school for an area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district near Cross Street Market if the Liquor Board (1) has executed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a community organization in that area regarding the nature of the proposed establishment and (2) enforces the MOU.

5. Senate Bill 361 – House Bill 544 – Alcoholic Beverages – Calvert County – Bottle Clubs

- (1) These identical bills define "bottle club" in Calvert County as an establishment that is (1) a restaurant that accommodates the public and is equipped with a dining room facilities for preparing and serving regular meals or (2) a nightclub that offers the public music, dancing, or other nighttime entertainment.

- (2) The bill prohibits a bottle club that is not licensed from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed, any alcoholic beverages on its premises or on a premise under its control or possession.

6. Senate Bill 719 – House Bill 117 – Alcoholic Beverages – Carroll County – Sunday Hours of Sale

- (1) Both bills alter the hours of sale on Sundays, for holders of Class A off-sale licenses in Carroll County.
- (2) The new bills authorize the licensees to sell alcoholic beverages between 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., instead of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

7. House Bill 137 – Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County – License Fees

- (1) This bill authorizes the increase in fees for several licenses in Charles County.
- (2) This bill establishes additional fees that apply when license holders provide live entertainment or outdoor table service in Charles County under Class C, D, and H on-sale licenses. Both fees are \$200; thus, a licensee that provides both live entertainment and outdoor table service pays an additional \$400.

8. House Bill 589 – Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County – Certification of License Application

- (1) This bill requires the Treasurer of Charles County, instead of the Office of the County Supervisor of Assessments, to prepare a certification showing the value of specified merchandise, fixtures, and stock-in-trade, as certified by the county by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for a business that is applying for, transferring, or renewing an alcoholic beverages license.

9. Senate Bill 354 – House Bill 756 – Alcoholic Beverages - Charles County – Refillable Container Permit

- (1) Authorizes the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to the holder of a Class A, Class B, or Class D license to sell draft beer.
- (2) The annual permit fee in Charles county is \$500 for an applicant whose alcoholic beverages license does not have an off sale privilege, and \$50 for an applicant whose license has an off-sale privilege.
- (3) The Board may adopt regulations to implement the refillable container provisions.

10. Senate Bill 89 – House Bill 447 – Alcoholic Beverages – City of Annapolis – Election Days

- (1) This bill exempts the City of Annapolis from provisions of law that prohibit the selling or providing of alcoholic beverages on an election day during the hours when the polls are open in any election district or precinct where an election is being held.

11. Senate Bill 502 – House Bill 242 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Multiple Event and Promoter’s Licenses

- (1) These identical bills authorize an applicant in Frederick County to purchase a single or multi-day special Class C license.

- (2) The license fee is \$10 per day for a single day or multi-day special Class C beer license or beer and wine license.
- (3) It is \$30 per day for a single or multi-day special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (4) The bills also authorize a promoter's license in Frederick County. If 1,001 to 3,000 individuals are anticipated, the fee is \$600. However, if fewer than 1,000 people are to attend the fee is \$250.
- (5) If more than 3,000 people are anticipated to attend the fee is \$1,000.

12. House Bill 245 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Sunday Sales

- (1) Authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to set the on-sale Sunday hours, for specific events approved by the board, during which the holder of any class of on-sale license except Class E (on sale – steamboats), may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises.
- (2) Thus for approved special events, the board may set hours that vary from Sunday hours which are currently set for 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

13. Senate Bill 503 – House Bill 246 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Notice for License Applications, Fees, and Inspectors

- (1) These bills allow the Board of License Commissioners to fulfill the statutory requirement of providing notice of application for a license by posting online a completed application at least 14 days before the hearing date.
- (2) These bills eliminate the \$1 fee to obtain a “certificate of permission” following the death of a license holder, and the \$1 fee for a specified “new license” following the death or incapacitation of all named individuals on a Class E (steamboat), Class F (railroad), or Class E (airplane) license issued to a company.
- (3) These bills authorize the board to appoint one chief alcoholic beverages inspector and not more than one additional full-time inspector or two part-time inspectors.
- (4) Moreover, these bills clarify that the chief alcoholic beverages inspectors and employees of the board may not hold interests in a premises, business or corporation involved in the sale or manufacturing of alcoholic beverages.

14. Senate Bill 500 – House Bill 273 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Wine Events, Licensing, Alcohol Awareness Requirements, and Fines

- (1) These bills restrict the number of bottles of wine that may be open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event held under a beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWLTL) license in Frederick County.
- (2) The bills require an applicant for a license to collect 10 signatures for the required certificate from owners of real property within 5,000 feet of the premises which a license is sought, and create a process to be followed if there are not enough individuals within the area.
- (3) The bills require that an alcoholic beverages licensee or person employed as a supervisor by a licensee be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and be present at the location when alcoholic beverages are sold.
- (4) Finally, the bills increase the maximum fine that the board may impose from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per offense for any violation that is cause for suspension, and authorize the board to reduce a suspension by allowing the licensee to pay a fine of up to \$1,000 for each week that suspension is reduced.

15. Senate Bill 499 – House Bill 275 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Retirement Center License

- (1) These bills establish a special Class C (retirement center) on-sale beer, wine and liquor license in Frederick County.
- (2) The annual fee is \$1,500 and the license authorizes the holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor to residents and guests at the licensed premises for on-premises consumption.
- (3) The license holder may sell for off-premises consumption only for special anniversaries or special events.
- (4) Organizations that rent the premises for an event may serve alcoholic beverages that the license holder provides and the number of such events is limited to 25 per year and may be open to the public.

16. Senate Bill 902 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

- (1) This bill establishes a Class B-CC (conference center) beer, wine, and liquor license and authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an establishment with (1) 150 bedrooms for the accommodation of the public; (2) at least one dining area with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals; (3) rooms for meetings, displays, banquet, balls, dancing, and live entertainment; and (4) a nightclub area equipped with a bar and an entertainment or dancing area.
- (2) The licensing fee is \$2,000.
- (3) Alcohol may be sold (1) Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day and (2) on Sunday, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day.
- (4) The bill also establishes a Class MEC (micro-brewery/entertainment center) license that may be issued for use in conjunction with a Class 7 micro-brewery license.
- (5) The entertainment center license authorizes the holder to sell, for on-premises consumption, malt beverages that are brewed in the license holder's micro-brewery. The annual fee for such a license is \$1,500.
 - a. Alcohol may be sold (1) Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day.
- (6) This bill specifies that the Class 7 and the Class B-CC license maybe issued for use in the Ballenger (23rd) Election District. This bill also establishes a Class B license for use in the Ballenger Election District that maybe issued to a luxury-type restaurant that meets certain conditions.
- (7) Finally this bill specifies the current law limitations on the number of alcoholic beverage licenses that a single licensee may hold do not apply to the bill's two new classifications of alcoholic beverages or the Class B license for use in the Ballenger Election District.

17. House Bill 139 – Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Sunday Sales

- (1) This bill repeals the requirement for a holder of a special Class C license in Garrett County that a consumer order a meal simultaneously or prior to placing an order for an alcoholic beverages, or be entitled to a meal on the premises as part of a pre-arranged event before the consumer is served an alcoholic beverage in specified establishments on a Sunday.

18. Senate Bill 715 – House Bill 523 – Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Multiple Special Event License

- (1) These bills require an organization that is issued a special multiple event Class C license by the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to ensure that at least one server who is

certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are sold.

- (2) Alcoholic beverages may be stored on the licensed premises between the individual licensed events in a storage area that the board approves if the alcoholic beverages are in a specifically identified, locked and secured location and are not sold or consumed except during a licensed event.

19. House Bill 328 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Applications for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

- (1) This bill repeals the requirement that every application for an alcoholic beverages license filed in Harford County must contain a certificate that is signed by at least 10 citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be located, states the length of time each signer has known the applicant, states the signers have examined the application and that they believe all statements are true and correct, and states the signers believe the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license.
- (2) The bill also repeals the requirement that the signers of the certificate are familiar with the premises where the proposed business will be located and that they believe the location and building are suitable for the business of selling alcoholic beverages.

20. House Bill 329 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Inspectors

- (1) This bill authorizes the Harford County Liquor Control Board and general manager to appoint alcoholic beverages inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created alcoholic beverages licensees.
- (2) The Act repeals a provision that is limited the board and general manager to appointing, in addition to inspectors serving before July 1, 1979, additional inspectors as necessary to provide control over newly created Class A off-sale licenses.

21. House Bill 399 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Class DBR License

- (1) This bill establishes a Class DBR license in Harford County. The annual license fee is \$500. The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class DBR license to a holder of a Class 5 manufacturer's (brewery) license.
- (2) A Class DBR license serves as the on-site consumption permit and the license equivalent to a Class D license. The Act authorizes the holder of a Class DBR license to sell beer brewed at the brewery, but caps the sale of beer for on-premises consumption at 500 barrels per year.
- (3) A license holder may not sell beer for off-premises consumption beyond what is allowed under the license holder's Class 5 manufacturer's (brewery) license. A license holder is not required to sell food, but is required to provide prepackaged snacks.

22. Senate Bill 299 – House Bill 475 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Refillable Wine Containers

- (1) This bill expands the refillable container permit in Harford County, which currently only applies to beer, to include wine.
- (2) The existing \$50 permit fee applicable to refillable beer container permits in Harford County applies.
- (3) The bills also modify the hours of sale for any fluid (beer or wine) in a refillable container in Harford County to reflect the underlying license's hours.

23. House Bill 527 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Residency Requirements

- (1) This bill repeals Chapter 644 of 2014, which altered residency requirements for certain business entities applying for alcoholic beverages Part H – Business and Economic Issues H-45 licenses in Harford County. If an application is made for specified entities, the applicant must be a resident of Harford County for at least one year before filing the application and must remain a resident as long as the license is in effect.
- (2) The applicant is not required to be a registered voter. If an application is made for a corporation or an limited liability company, the application must be applied for by, and be issued to, three of the officers holding a pecuniary interest in the corporation or three of the authorized persons holding a pecuniary interest in the limited liability company, as individuals, for the use of the corporation or limited liability company, as the case may be.
- (3) One of the applicants must be a bona fide resident of the county and the license remains valid only as long as the resident applicant remains a resident of the county.
- (4) A resident applicant must (1) own at least 25% of the total business, except that in the case of an applicant for a Class B (beer, wine, and liquor) license, the resident applicant must own at least 10% of the total business; (2) serve as manager or supervisor; and (3) be physically present on the premises a substantial amount of time on a daily basis.

24. House Bill 845 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Class B Café Licenses

- (1) This bill authorizes the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a special Class B Cafe beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County. The annual license fee is \$3,000.
- (2) The special license authorizes the holder to sell beer and wine for consumption on or off the licensed premises and liquor for consumption on the licensed premises. A special cafe license is a seven-day license with an on-premises wine tasting privilege for every day of the year.
- (3) In addition, the special license may be used for off-premises catering. The Act also repeals the statutory limit on the number of existing Class B Cafe beer and wine licenses, requires the board to set the maximum number of such licenses that it may issue, and allows the license to be used for off-premises catering.

25. House Bill 145 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County – Hearing Board Compensation

- (1) This bill repeals the existing statutory compensation amounts for members of the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board in Howard County and instead authorizes the Howard County Council to set the compensation for board members.

26. House Bill 424 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County – Special Event Education Permits

- (1) This bill authorizes the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special event – education beer and wine tasting (BWT) alcoholic beverages permit and a special event-education beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWL) permit.
- (2) These permits are to be used at an event at which a speaker provides instruction on how to develop a foundation of alcoholic beverages knowledge. Topics include styles of beer, wine, and liquor; methods of tasting; pairing food with beer, wine, and liquor; and serving, storing, and buying beer, wine, and liquor.
- (3) A holder of a Class A beer and wine (BW) license may be issued a BWT permit, and a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license may be issued a BWT or a BWL permit. The annual permit fee for each is \$100.

27. Senate Bill 139 – House Bill 877 – Alcoholic Beverages – Kent County – Class B Wine Shop and Lounge License

- (1) These identical bills establish a Class B wine shop and lounge alcoholic beverages licenses in Kent County. The annual fee is \$300.
- (2) The license authorizes the sale of wine for consumption on or off the licensed premises. Additionally, the license allows the holder to sell or serve certain food items.
- (3) The license holder is not subject to any requirement regarding the percentage of receipts derived from the sale of food.
- (4) An individual younger than the legal drinking age may enter the premises.

28. House Bill 88 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Refillable Wine Containers

- (1) This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable wine container permit to the holder of an alcoholic beverages license that allows the same of wine for off-premises consumption.
- (2) The refillable container must meet the standards specified in current statewide law for refillable wine containers.
- (3) The board must issue the refillable wine container permit at no cost to the applicant.

29. Senate Bill 426 – House Bill 90 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – License Requirements

- (1) Both bills replace the requirement that an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Montgomery County be a county resident with a requirement that the applicant be a resident of the State.
- (2) Additionally, an applicant who applies on behalf of specified business entities may meet any registered voter, taxpayer, or residency requirements by being a State resident.

30. House Bill 66 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Distance Restrictions

- (1) This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license for a restaurant located more than 275 feet from a church or other place of worship if the restaurant is located in a shopping center in Gaithersburg that is bordered by Maryland Route 355, Central Avenue, Poplarwood Place, and North Westland Drive. Additionally, the prior owner or tenant at the site of the restaurant held an alcoholic beverages license.

31. House Bill 89 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Class BD-BWL License

- (1) This bill establishes a Class BD-BWL alcoholic beverages license in Montgomery County. The annual license fee is \$3,500.
- (2) The license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption on or off the licensed premises, as well as liquor for consumption only on the licensed premises.
- (3) On any day of the week, alcoholic beverages may be sold (1) for consumption on the licensed premises from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day and (2) for consumption off the licensed premises from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day.
- (4) The holder may also (1) hold a Class 7 micro-brewery license issued for a location in Montgomery County and (2) obtain a refillable container permit for draft beer.
- (5) A single license holder may not hold more than one Class BD-BWL license, and a Class BD-BWL license may be issued in the City of Takoma Park.

32. House Bill 91 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Laytonsville

- (1) Repeals the authority of the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to two Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville.
- (2) In place of the Class H license, the Act authorizes the board to issue up to two Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses for use in the town of Laytonsville. The license may be issued to a restaurant containing recreational devices.

33. House Bill 93 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – One Day Licenses

- (1) This bill specifies that alcoholic beverages license restrictions related to distances from schools, places of worship, and youth centers in Montgomery County do not apply to a special culinary license or to a one-day special licenses for use on the premises of (1) elementary or secondary schools; (2) places of worship; (3) youth centers sponsored or conducted by a government agency.

34. House Bill 202 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Wineries

- (1) This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer and light wine license to the holder of a Class 3 (winery) Manufacturer's license in Montgomery County that produces no more than 20,000 gallons per year.

35. House Bill 316 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Takoma Park

- (1) This bill repeals the authority of the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a (1) Class H-TP (on-sale) beer license; (2) Class D-TP beer and light wine license; and (3) Class C-TP (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for use in Takoma Park. Instead, the Act authorizes the board to issue a Class H (on-sale) beer license, a Class D beer and light wine license, and a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for use in Takoma Park. When a Class H-TP, Class D-TP, or Class C-TP license is renewed or transferred, the board must instead issue the licensee the corresponding Class H, Class D, or Class C license authorized by the Act.

36. House Bill 617 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George's County – Licenses, Salaries, Inspectors and Bottle Clubs

- (1) Increases, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, the minimum capital investment for a catering business to be issued, prospectively, a Class BCE license;
- (2) Specifies that prohibitions against the sale of alcoholic beverages within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or a school do not apply to a BCE license;
- (3) Alters residency requirements;
- (4) Allows the board to permit an individual, partnership, or corporation to hold or have an interest in an unlimited number of BH licenses, rather than the previous limit of four such licenses;
- (5) Increases the annual salary of (1) board members from \$17,000 to \$20,000; (2) the chair of the board from \$18,000 to \$22,000; (3) the board's attorney from \$15,500 to \$18,500; and (4) part-time inspectors from \$10,900 to \$13,900;
- (6) Decreases the number of part-time liquor inspectors from 32 to 24;
- (7) Authorizes the board or a county liquor inspector to order the immediate closure of a bottle club under specified circumstances; and

- (8) Establishes notice, hearing, appeal, and penalty provisions applicable to the closure of a bottle club.

37. House Bill 705 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Penalties

- (1) This bill alters the authority of the Board of License Commissioners in Prince George’s County to impose a fine, instead of or in addition to suspension or revocation of a license, for any violation that is cause for suspension or revocation of a license.
- (2) The Act repeals the authority of the board to impose a fine of up to \$12,500 and, instead authorizes the board to impose (1) a fine of up to \$1,500 for a first offense, except for a violation involving furnishing or allowing underage consumption; (2) a fine of \$1,500 for a first offense of a violation involving furnishing or allowing underage consumption; (3) a fine between of \$1,501 and \$6,000 for a second offense in the same 24-month period; and (4) a fine of \$7,500 for a third offense in the same 24-month period.
- (3) For a fourth offense in the same 24-month period, unless the license is revoked, the board must impose a 30-day suspension.

38. House Bill 931 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Seven-day Sales

- (1) This bill establishes a special Sunday off-sale permit in Prince George’s County and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue the permit to the holder of any Class A beer, wine, and liquor license or to the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license with an off sale privilege.
- (2) The new permit authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises on Sunday only from 8 a.m. to midnight.
- (3) The application fee for the permit is \$750, and the annual permit fee is \$2,590 for the holder of a Class A BWL license, or \$1,080 for the holder of a Class B BWL license with an off-sale privilege.

39. Senate Bill 369 – House Bill 932 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – City of College Park Class D Beer and Wine License

- (1) These bills specify that on or after July 1, 2015, one Class D (on-sale) beer and wine license issued for premises in the 7100 block of Baltimore Avenue in the City of College Park may be converted into a Class D (on- and off-sale) beer and wine license for premises that are located in the 7100 to 7200 block of Baltimore Avenue in the City of College Park.

40. Senate Bill 423 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Towne Centre at Laurel

- (1) This bill increases from 142 to 143 the maximum number of Class A beer, wine and liquor licenses that may be issued by the board of Licenses Commissioners.
- (2) Furthermore, the Act allows the board to convert one authorized Class B-DD (Development District) license to be a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

41. Senate Bill 354 – House Bill 756 – Alcoholic Beverages – Queen Anne’s County – Refillable Container Permit

- (1) These bills authorize the Queen Anne’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to the holder of a Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D license to sell draft beer.

- (2) The annual permit fee in Queen Anne's County is \$500 for an applicant whose alcoholic beverages license does not have an off-sale privilege and \$50 for an applicant whose license has an off-sale privilege.
- (3) The board may adopt regulations to implement the refillable container provisions. The bills also exempt an applicant for a Class B (on-sale) hotel and restaurant license of any type from distance restrictions between a proposed establishment and schools, churches, public libraries, and youth centers.

42. Senate Bill 906 – Alcoholic Beverages – Somerset County – Distance Restrictions

- (1) This bill exempts an establishment having any previous owner who was the holder of an alcoholic beverages license from the distance restriction between a licensed establishment and a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center, as opposed to an establishment whose previous owner was the holder of an alcoholic beverages license.

43. Senate Bill 922 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Outdoor and Street Festival Licenses in Hagerstown

- (1) This bill authorizes the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Class C (on-sale) beer and wine street festival license to a not-for-profit club, society, association, or organization in the Arts and Entertainment District within the City of Hagerstown. The license fee is \$30 per day. The total number of days authorized by the license is limited to 26 per calendar year.
- (2) A holder of a special Class C (on-sale) beer and wine street festival license must distribute a wristband to each individual at the event who is at least 21 years old and may not serve an alcoholic beverage to any individual who does not wear the wristband.
- (3) During an event, an individual may:
 - a. Purchase beer or wine from the holder of a street festival license or purchase beer or wine from, and consume on the premises of, a license holder with on-sale privileges within the Arts and Entertainment District;
 - b. Transport the beer or wine in the designated container to the premises of another license holder with on-sale privileges in the Arts and Entertainment District and within the approved event area; and
 - c. Consume the beer or wine within the Arts and Entertainment District approved event area, including on the premises of any license holder with on-sale privileges.

44. Senate Bill 634 – House Bill 794 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Liquor Tasting License

- (1) These bills authorize the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special liquor tasting license (LTL) to a holder of a Class A (off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (2) The annual license fee is \$300 for 12 tastings and \$500 for 24 tastings. An LTL allows the licensee to provide liquor, for tasting or sampling purposes only, on the licensed premises.
- (3) Servings are limited to no more than one-half ounce of any one liquor to any one customer and four samples per customer.

45. Senate Bill 632 – House Bill 795 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Expunging of Violations

- (1) These identical bills require the Board of License Commissioners to expunge a violation of alcoholic beverages laws and regulations from a licensee's record after five years from the date the violation occurred.

46. Senate Bill 630 – House Bill 797 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Population Ratio Quota

- (1) These bills modify the population ratio quota that applies to the issuance of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.
- (2) The bills reduce the number of licenses that may be issued from one alcoholic beverages license for every 1,000 individuals residing in the election district where the license is issued to one license for every 3,000 individuals residing in the election district where the license is issued.

47. Senate Bill 750 – House Bill 801 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Conversion of Class P Licenses

- (1) These bills repeal the authority of the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class P pouring license.
- (2) Instead, the board is authorized to issue a Class B (on-sale) license of any type, countywide, to a restaurant that meets specified requirements, including having annual gross sales of food and nonalcoholic beverages greater than gross sales of alcoholic beverages.
- (3) Licenses issued under these provisions are not subject to population ratio quota requirements.
- (4) The annual fees for a Class B (on-sale) license are (1) \$50 for a beer license; (2) \$200 for a beer and light wine license; and (3) \$750 for a beer, wine, and liquor license. The annual fees for a Class B (on- and off-sale) license, which are altered by the bills, are (1) \$350 for a beer license; (2) \$400 for a beer and light wine license; and (3) \$1,000 for a beer, wine, and liquor license. The annual license fee for a Sunday sale license remains at \$250.

48. House Bill 835 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Refillable Containers

- (1) This bill authorizes the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to the holder of a Class A, Class B, or Class D license.
- (2) The annual permit fee is \$500 for an applicant whose alcoholic beverages license does not have an off-sale privilege and \$50 for an applicant whose license has an off-sale privilege.

49. Senate Bill 631 – House Bill 836 – Alcoholic Beverages - Washington County – Repeal of Wine Tasting License

- (1) This bill repeals the authority of the Board of License Commissioners to issue a special wine tasting license to a holder of a Class B (on-off sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

50. Senate Bill 798 – House Bill 1039 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Micro-breweries

- (1) These bills increase the annual production limit for Class 7 micro-breweries in Wicomico County from 22,500 barrels to 45,000 barrels of malt beverages.

51. Senate Bill 523 – House Bill 689 – Alcoholic Beverages – Worcester County – Limited Distillery License

- (1) These bills establish a Class 9 limited distillery license to be issued by the Comptroller. The annual license fee is \$500. The license must be issued only to a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County for use only on the premises for which the underlying alcoholic beverages license was issued.
- (2) The license authorizes the holder to establish and operate a plant in Maryland for distilling, rectifying, and bottling specified products, subject to specified restrictions, including a limit of 15,500 gallons of product that may be sold at retail on the licensed premises.
- (3) A license holder must abide by all trade practice restrictions applicable to distilleries.

52. Senate Bill 38 – Alcoholic Beverages – Worcester County – Clubs

- (1) This bill repeals the requirement that, in order to qualify for a seven-day Class C on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County, a club must maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food in excess of those for the sale of alcoholic beverages.