

2016 Legislative Session:

Alcoholic Beverages

STATEWIDE BILLS:

1. Senate Bill 587 – Alcoholic Beverages – Ban on Powdered Alcohol

- (1) Palcohol is a prepackaged substance which can be added to water to produce alcohol.
- (2) The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury approved labels for Palcohol, a brand of powdered alcohol, on March 10, 2015, making it legal for Palcohol to be sold in the United States. Additionally, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have determined that the non-alcohol ingredients in Palcohol comply with agency regulations.
- (3) At the request of the Comptroller, the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association, the Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association, and the Licensed Beverage Distributors of Maryland agreed in 2015 to a voluntary ban on the sale of powdered alcohol.
- (4) Chapter 475 of 2015 temporarily prohibited a person in the State 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 through June 30, 2016.
- (5) This bill extends the ban on powdered alcohol in the State through June 30, 2018. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

2. Senate Bill 724 - Alcoholic Beverages – Code Revision

- (1) This Act revises, restates, and recodifies the laws of the State that relate to alcoholic beverages, including provisions on State and locally issued permits and licenses, general beer regulation, forfeitures, enforcement, prohibited acts, and penalties.
- (2) Senate Bill 725 is a companion bill to Senate Bill 724 that corrects cross references to the new Alcoholic Beverages Article and corrects various errors in that article.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

3. House Bill 733 – Alcoholic Beverages – Sampling, Sale and Consumption of Products

- (1) Authorizes the holder of multiple manufacturer's licenses at the same or different premises to allow the sampling, sales, and consumption of products produced under the licenses at each of the premises, consistent with the authorization of each license.
- (2) A farm brewery license holder may apply for and obtain, under a different name, one or more additional licenses for the same or other premises.
- (3) Additionally, the bill repeals prohibitions against distillery, rectifying, limited winery, and farm brewery license holders from selling or allowing being consumed at the licensed premises any product other than products produced by the license holder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

4. Senate Bill 410 – Alcoholic Beverages – Liquor Distillery Licenses and Permits

- (1) A Class 1 distillery license is issued by the Comptroller's Office and authorizes the establishment and operation of a plant for distilling brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits.
- (2) It also authorizes the sale and delivery of those alcoholic beverages, with specified restrictions.

- (3) This bill repeals the gallonage limitation that allowed only those Class 1 distillery license holders that manufacture up to 27,500 gallons of product annually to sell up to three 750 milliliter bottles of product for off-sale consumption and related merchandise to persons of legal drinking age who participate in a guided tour of the licensed premises.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

5. House Bill 1337 – Alcoholic Beverages – Liquor Distillery Licenses and Permits

- (1) This bill establishes a nonresident distillery permit and a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license.
- (2) The Comptroller's Office may issue a nonresident distillery permit to a person who does not have a nonresident dealer's permit, produces no more than 100,000 gallons of liquor annually, and is licensed to do so outside the State.
- (3) The nonresident distillery permit holder may sell and deliver the permit holder's own liquor from a location outside the State to an authorized retail license holder or permit holder in the State.
- (4) The Comptroller's Office may issue a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license to a person that holds a Class 1 distillery license and produces no more than 100,000 gallons of liquor annually.
- (5) The license authorizes the license holder to distribute not more than 27,500 gallons of its own liquor annually.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016.

6. House Bill 1316 – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 9 Limited Distillery

- (1) This bill allows the Comptroller to issue a Class 9 limited distillery license in all jurisdictions within the State.
- (2) The bill also authorizes the Comptroller to issue a Class 9 limited distillery license to a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license holder or a Class D BWL license holder in the State, if the Class B BWL or Class D BWL license authorizes sales for both on- and off-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

7. Senate Bill 630 – Alcoholic Beverages – Distillery Off-Site Permit

- (1) Authorizes the Comptroller to grant a distillery off-site permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license or a Class 9 limited distillery license.
- (2) The bill also authorizes the Comptroller to grant a liquor festival permit to a nonprofit organization.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

LOCAL BILLS:

1. Senate Bill 483 – Alcoholic Beverages – Alleghany County – Minimum Age to Serve Liquor

- a. Decreases the minimum age to serve liquor in Alleghany County from age 21 to age 18, making the minimum age to serve liquor consistent with the minimum age to serve beer and light wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

2. Senate Bill 736 – House Bill 994 – Alcoholic Beverages – Alleghany County – Sunday Sales for a Class A licensee

- a. These identical bills authorize a holder of a Class A beer license; a Class A beer and light wine (BW) license; or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license to sell alcoholic beverages consistent with the license classification on Sundays from 11 a.m. to midnight after paying an additional \$250 fee.
- b. Additionally, these bills authorize the Board of License Commissioners to issue a 2-day Sunday sales permit to a holder of a Class A beer license, a Class A BW license, or a Class A BWL license under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

3. Senate Bill 878 – House Bill 995 – Alcoholic Beverages – Alleghany County – Sunday Sales

- a. These bills alter the hours of sale, from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, for a holder of a Class D beer license, a Class D BW license, a Class B BWL license, and a Class D BWL license under specified circumstances.
- b. The bills also alter the hours of sale, from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, for a 2-day Sunday sales permit purchased by a holder of a Class D beer license, a Class D BW license, a Class B BWL license, and a Class D BWL license under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

4. Senate Bill 175 – House Bill 238 – Alcoholic Beverages – Anne Arundel County – Disposition of Fees

- a. These bills require the Board of License Commissioners to remit all collected fees, including a specified \$200 administrative hearing fee, to the Comptroller's Office, instead of to the county government.
- b. The Comptroller's Office must use the collected fee revenue to approve and remit to the county the amount necessary to pay the salaries and benefits of the board and its employees and to pay the expenses of the board.
- c. The remaining balance must then be remitted to the county at the end of the fiscal year for the general purposes of the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

5. House Bill 642 – Alcoholic Beverages – Anne Arundel County – Licenses

- a. This bill allows a Class BLX license holder to obtain a music, entertainment, dancing, outdoor, or outdoor entertainment permit.
- b. The Act also allows a Class BLX license holder to obtain a second or third license for use in a restaurant if the restaurant is located in a shopping center with a gross area of at least 1,000,000 square feet and it is zoned MXD-C (Mixed Use Commercial) by the county.
- c. The Act also exempts the Class BLX Deluxe Restaurant license from a distance restriction related to schools and places of worship.
- d. Finally, the Act specifies that the general limit of one alcoholic beverage license for a license holder does not apply to hotel-limited service (on-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

- 6. Senate Bill 852 – Alcoholic Beverages – Anne Arundel County – Beer and Wine Festivals**
- a. This bill expands the scope of the beer and wine festival (BWF) license authorized by the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use at any festival that the board approves.
 - b. The bill also authorizes the license to be issued to a non-profit organization if specified conditions are met, and specifies that the holder of a BWF license may sell beer or wine at a festival without holding a State-issued non-profit beer festival permit or State-issued non-profit wine festival permit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

- 7. House Bill 1068 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Pub Crawl Promoter’s Permit**
- a. This bill establishes a pub crawl promoter’s permit that authorizes individuals, for-profit organizations, and nonprofit organizations to publicize, sell tickets for, organize, operate, produce, or stage a pub crawl.
 - b. The application fee is \$50, the permit fee is \$120, and all participating license holders must pay a \$100 participation fee.
 - c. The Board of License Commissioners may adopt regulations establishing the requirements for conducting a pub crawl, including public notice requirements at the premises of participating license holders.
 - d. Before being issued the promoter’s permit, an applicant must obtain a special event permit from the Baltimore City Department of Transportation.
 - e. A person who publicizes, organizes, operates, produces, facilitates, sells tickets for, or stages a pub crawl who has knowledge or reason to know that a pub crawl promoter’s permit has not been obtained is subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$3,000, a license suspension, or both.
 - f. The board may not grant a promoter’s permit for at least one year to any license holder in violation of the permit requirement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

- 8. Senate Bill 561 – House Bill 1210 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Licenses**
- a. These identical bills establish a Class D beer license and authorize its issuance and transfer in a specified area.
 - b. The bills also decrease the percentage of total daily receipts of a Class B BWL license holder that must be from the sale of food from 65% to 51%.
 - c. The bills authorize the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class C BWL liquor license in several areas of the city and to transfer one Class B-D-7 license from a specified location to another specified location. The bills also alter the areas for which the board may transfer a license for use in buildings within 300 feet of a church or school.
 - d. Finally, the bills alter the expiration date for all alcoholic beverages licenses that are due to expire on April 30, 2016, to expire on May 31, 2016, and, if renewed, will expire on April 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT.

- 9. Senate Bill 1159 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Board of License Commissioners**
- a. This bill requires the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Board of License Commissioners within 15 days.
 - b. When evaluating an applicant for board membership, the Governor must consider the need for geographic, political, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity on the board.

- c. The Act adds, however, that if the Governor does not appoint and the Senate does not confirm four members to the board by April 12, 2016, the Governor's board appointment and removal powers will be repealed and granted to the mayor and president of the City Council of Baltimore City.
- d. In fact, no appointments were made by the Governor by April 12, 2016, and the appointment and removal powers now rest with the mayor and president of the city council.

EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT.

10. House Bill 1644 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore County – Racetrack License

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to transfer one Class B or Class D BWL license from Election District 15 to a specified location in Election District 8 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds owned by the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society.
- b. The license transferred must be converted to a Class B minimum square foot (MSF) (on-sale) BWL license.
- c. The issuance and renewal requirements, MSF area requirement for food and beverage preparation and consumption, and hours and days of sale for the Class B (MSF) license are the same as those provided for a Class B BWL (on-sale) hotel and restaurant license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

11. Senate Bill 624 – House Bill 1156 – Alcoholic Beverages – Calvert County – Beer and Wine Festival License

- a. These bills modify the scope of the existing special wine festival license to establish a special BWF license.
- b. The fee for the license is \$15.00.
- c. The Board of License Commissioners may issue a license to a holder of an existing retail alcoholic beverages license that authorizes the sale of beer or wine, holders of specified licenses, or to a non-profit organization.
- d. The board may approve up to four weekends each year for each applicant and must approve the location for the festival.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

12. House Bill 1353 – Alcoholic Beverages – Calvert County – Special Event Festival Permit

- a. This bill lowers the requirement that an applicant for a special event festival BWL permit demonstrate a reasonable expectation of attracting a minimum number of customers to the special event from 750 to 250 customers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

13. House Bill – 549 – Alcoholic Beverages – Caroline County – Refillable Container Permit

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to the holder of a Class B or Class H license.
- b. The annual permit fee is \$500.
- c. The hours of sale for refillable container permit begin at the same time as the applicant's alcoholic beverages license and ends at midnight.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

14. Senate Bill – 677 – House Bill 737 – Alcoholic Beverages – Carroll County – Beginning Hours of Sale

- a. These bills alter the hours during which holders of various BW and BWL licenses may sell or provide alcoholic beverages for on or off premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

15. House Bill 791 – Alcoholic Beverages – Carroll County – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

- a. These bills establish a BWL tasting license. The Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a holder of a BWL License.
- b. The license authorizes the holder and the holder of a solicitor's permit to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting by a customer or an employee of the license holder, if the customer or the employee is not charged.
- c. The board is required to regulate specified aspects of the tasting license. The annual license fee is \$150.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

16. Senate Bill 958 – House Bill 1071 – Alcoholic Beverages – Cecil County – Licenses

- a. These bills authorize the Comptroller to issue a Class 7 micro-brewery license to a holder of a Class B BWL (on-sale) license or a Class D BWL license in Cecil County.
- b. The hours and days of sale are the same as those of a Class D license. For a holder of a Class D BWL license that also holds a Class 7 micro-brewery license, the board may determine the required ratio of gross receipts from the sale of food to the gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- c. The bills also repeal the authority of the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B BWL license to the owner of a hotel that meets specified requirements, but retains the authority to issue a Class B BWL license to a restaurant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

17. Senate Bill 687 – House Bill 706 – Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County – Entertainment Concessionaire and Facility Licenses

- a. These identical bills authorize the Board of License Commissioners to issue (1) an entertainment concessionaire license and (2) an entertainment facility license.
- b. The annual fee for the entertainment concessionaire license is \$5,000, and the annual fee for the entertainment facility license is \$15,000.
- c. The annual fee for both licenses is required to be paid on or before May 1 of each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

18. Senate Bill 649 – Alcoholic Beverages – City of Annapolis – Refillable Container Permit for Draft Beer

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to the holder of a Class E license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

19. Senate Bill 530 – Alcoholic Beverages – Dorchester County – Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License, Minimum Seating Requirements

- a. This bill reduces the minimum seating requirement for the issuance of a Class B BWL license to a restaurant, motel, or hotel from 50 to 25.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

20. Senate Bill 699 – House Bill 840 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Theater License

- a. These bills rename the Class C (Maryland Ensemble Theater) on-sale beer and wine license to be a Class C (theater) license and expands eligibility to include any theatre that seats 200 or fewer individuals per performance.
- b. The bills also rename the Class MEC (micro-brewery/entertainment center) license to be a Class EC (entertainment center) license and authorize the board to issue the license to a person for use in conjunction with a Class B BWL license in addition to a Class 7 microbrewery license.
- c. The bills clarify that a holder of a Class EC license may sell, for on-premises consumption, (1) malt beverages that are brewed in the license holder's micro-brewery, if the license holder also holds a Class 7 micro-brewery license or (2) beer, wine, and liquor, if the license holder also holds a Class B BWL license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

21. House Bill 841 – Alcoholic Beverages License – Frederick County – Hotel Lobby License

- a. This bill establishes a hotel lobby license and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a hotel that does not have a restaurant.
- b. The license fee is \$100.00
- c. The license authorizes the holder to sell beer and wine by the bottle from a store in the hotel lobby to patrons of the hotel for on-premises consumption.
- d. Alcohol may be sold (1) on 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

22. Senate Bill 696 – House Bill 842 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Art Gallery Beer and Wine License

- a. These bills authorize the Board of License Commissioners to issue an art gallery beer and wine license in their respective counties to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business engaged in the display and sale of original artwork or copies of original artwork that are reproduced no more than 300 times, by an artist or group of artists.
- b. A business that displays and sells commercially prepared or mass-produced artistic products may not be issued the license.
- c. The annual license fee is \$100.
- d. The license authorizes the licensee to sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served.
- e. Beer and wine may be provided during normal business hours but no later than midnight. The license may not be transferred to another location.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

23. House Bill 843 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Beauty Salon License

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a beauty salon BW license to a holder of a beauty salon permit.
- b. The fee is \$100.00
- c. The license authorizes the licensee to provide up to five ounces of beer or wine by the glass for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon customer during specified cosmetology services and fundraising events for which a permit has been issued.
- d. The license may not be transferred to another location.
- e. Beer and wine may be provided during normal business hours but no later than 9 p.m. License holders are subject to specified alcohol awareness training requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

24. House Bill 844 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Absence from Licensed Premises

- a. This bill expands the reasons that an individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program may be absent from the licensed premises to include a personal or business reason, in addition to an emergency, if (1) the personal or business reason meets standards set in regulation by the Board of License Commissioners; and (2) the absence is for less than two hours.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

25. Senate Bill 860 – House Bill 1031 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Refillable Containers

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer or wine to the holder of a Class A or Class B alcoholic beverage license.
- b. The annual permit fee is \$50.00

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

26. House Bill 1109 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County – Dry Election Districts

- a. This bill repeals restrictions that prohibit the Board of License Commissioners from issuing specified alcoholic beverages licenses in specified election districts.
- b. The Act authorizes the board to issue any license authorized in the county to a location in the county, regardless of the election district, so long as a public hearing is held.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

27. Senate Bill 682 – House Bill 1028 – Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Sunday Sales

- a. These bills submit to a referendum in election districts or precincts of election districts 2, 3-1, 12, and 16 in the county, at the November 2016 general election, a question of whether to authorize specified Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in the applicable district or precinct.
- b. The bill also submits to a referendum in election districts or precincts of election districts 4, 8-1, 8-2, 13, and 14-2, at the November 2016 general election, a question of whether to authorize specified Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for on- and off-premises consumption in the applicable district or precinct.

- c. The Board of License Commissioners must provide, by December 1, 2016, a complete list of all election districts and precincts in the county in which Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages are authorized.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

28. Senate Bill 879 – House Bill 1072 – Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Various Licenses

- a. These bills establish numerous 7-day alcoholic beverages licenses and set both annual and one-time new license issuing fees
- b. The bills also exempt from a specified hearing requirement an application for a Class C multiple-day beer license; BW license; or BWL license, if (1) the license holder anticipates attendance of fewer than 500 individuals at the event; and (2) the board has approved a license for the license holder in the prior year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016.

29. Senate Bill 795 – House Bill 892 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Movie Theater License

- a. These bills establish a Class MT (movie theater) BWL license.
- b. To be eligible for the license, the owner of a movie theater must provide documentation to the board that the owner has made an investment of at least \$250,000 in the theater.
- c. Under the license, beer, wine, and liquor may only be served in single-serve containers from a counter separate from a counter serving candy, popcorn, and nonalcoholic beverages.
- d. A movie theater for which a license is issued is subject to a specified alcohol awareness training requirement, and is required to offer food, other than candy and popcorn.
- e. The license holder may sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption from 4 p.m. to midnight on the days that the movie theater is open. The annual license fee is \$500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

30. House Bill 696 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Business Establishments Near Schools

- a. Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a license to an establishment anywhere in the county, if the establishment is not located within 300 feet of a public or private school.
- b. The bill decreases the minimum distance requirement for areas outside of a municipality in the county from 1,000 feet.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016.

31. Senate Bill 916 – House Bill 1051 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County – Community College License

- a. These bills establish a Class CC (community college) BW license in the county and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to officers of a community college for use on enclosed parts of the campus that are (1) owned by the community college; and (2) used and equipped to promote or host events. The license holder may sell beer and wine at events held on campus on a maximum of 25 days per year.

- b. The license holder may not sell beer or wine at a student sporting event or an event sponsored by students.
- c. The annual fee is \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

32. House Bill 632 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County – Licenses for Luxury Restaurants and Farm Breweries

- a. This bill authorizes the Comptroller to issue a Class 8 farm brewery license to a license holder that holds no more than two Class B and no more than seven Class BLX BWL licenses.
- b. The bill decreases, from seven to six, the number of Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) BWL licenses that may be issued to an individual or a person who also holds two Class B (on-sale) BWL licenses, and also decreases, from nine to eight, the total number of Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) BWL licenses that may be issued to one individual or person.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

33. House Bill 654 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses

- a. This bill requires an applicant for a Class D BWL on and off sale 7-day license to attest that gross receipts from the sale of food will be at least equal to 20% off the gross receipts from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages.
- b. The bill also requires an applicant, before each license renewal, to attest that gross receipts from the sale of food for the 12-month period immediately prior to the application for renewal were at least equal to 20% of the gross receipts from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages.
- c. In addition, the bill allows a holder of a Class D license to employ an individual who is at least 18 years old to sell or serve beer and wine.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

34. House Bill 655 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County – Class D Licenses

- a. This bill adds a Class D on and off sale BWL license to two groups of licenses, one of which, but not both, may be issued by the Board of License Commissioners to an individual or for the use of a person.
- b. The bill also clarifies that the licenses are for separate premises.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

35. House Bill 1090 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County – Continuing Care Retirement Community License

- a. This bill alters the requirements to be issued or have renewed a Class C BWL license.
- b. The Act also authorizes residents of continuing care retirement communities and their guests to consume beer, wine, and liquor not purchased from the Class C license holder under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

36. House Bill 1092 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Class BD-BWL License Hours of Sale

- a. This bill makes numerous changes to the Class BD-BWL license
- b. The bill expands the on premises hours of sale and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a caterer’s license to the holder of a Class BD-BWL license.
- c. The bill also specifies the 10-license limit on Class B licenses in Montgomery County include not more than one Class BD-BWL license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016.

37. House Bill 1064 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Distance from Places of Worship, Schools, and Youth Centers

- a. This bill repeals the prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners from issuing a license to an establishment within certain distances from a place of worship, elementary or secondary school, or youth center sponsored or operated by a governmental unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

38. House Bill 1073 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – License Applications Online Notice

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to fulfill a notice requirement related to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses by posting a completed application online at least 14 days prior to the application hearing date instead of publishing the notice in local newspapers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

39. House Bill 1076 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Sports Stadium Licenses

- a. This bill establishes for use in a sports stadium that has a minimum capital investment of \$2 million, not including the cost of land and serves as a venue for professional events and has a seating capacity of 2,000 persons as established by the county fire marshal.
- b. The annual fee is \$2,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

40. House Bill 1074 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County – Laytonville

- a. This bill alters the restriction on the licenses that may be issued for use in the town of Laytonville so that the two licenses allowed may be any combination of Class B (on-sale) BWL or Class H (on-sale) BW hotel and restaurant license.

EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT.

41. House Bill 1020 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Class B-WPL

- a. This bill establishes a Class B-WPL (waterfront pavilion) license and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an establishment in a pavilion located at a waterfront entertainment retail complex as defined in local law.
- b. The license authorizes live entertainment throughout the licensed premises and the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at retail for consumption on premises from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.
- c. The board may issue no more than three B-WPL licenses.
- d. The license fee is \$500 per month for a period of three to six months.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

42. House Bill 1021 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Licensing, Notice Requirements and Loitering Enforcement

- a. This bill requires the Board of License Commissioners to maintain a comprehensive database of loitering arrests and citations issued by local law enforcement after obtaining the data from appropriate law enforcement agencies.
- b. The board is authorized to impose a fine on license holders for three or more loitering violations in a 12-month period and must include a record of the fines imposed in the comprehensive database.
- c. The bill also expands public hearing notice requirements for the board.
- d. The bill requires the board to implement enhanced meeting notice rules for public meetings regarding the issuance, transfer, or protest of a license renewal.
- e. The requirements include posting a notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing as soon as practicable after the hearing is scheduled, to specified municipalities, civic organizations, homeowners’ associations, and condominiums.
- f. The bill authorizes specified license conversions, alters license fees, and alters the hours of sale for specified licenses. The bill also alters the number of licenses that may be issued in the county, and authorizes the issuance of 13 Class B-DD (Development District) licenses for restaurants in certain locations.
- g. The bill also authorizes the issuance of Sunday off-sale permits to holders of Class A BWL licenses on or after January 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

43. House Bill 1069 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Entertainment Concessionaire and Facility Licenses

- a. Establishes an entertainment facility (EF) license and an entertainment concessionaire (EC) license.
- b. Each license permits the sale of beer, wine, and liquor within the video lottery terminal facility. The hours of sale for the EF and EC license are the same as the hours of operation for a video lottery facility established under State law.
- c. The EF annual license fee is \$22,000; the EC annual license fee is \$5,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

44. House Bill 1135 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Board of License Commissioners Budget and Funding

- a. This bill requires the county executive and the county council to recognize the Board of License Commissioners as a “public safety” agency for purposes of the annual budget.
- b. The county council is authorized to include in the annual budget up to \$50,000 for software and mobile device modernization.
- c. The county executive and county council are required to establish and distribute \$300,000 of revenue collected for license fees to an Alcoholic Beverages Capital Investment and Modernization Fund to be used by the board to purchase equipment and software for modernization.
- d. The board must use the fund to purchase mobile devices for enforcement staff and software and devices for data integration before the provisions related to the fund terminate on December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016.

45. House Bill 1311 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County – Developmental District Licenses and Sunday Off-Sale Permits

- a. Authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue (1) up to five Class B-DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within the Riverdale Park Station area; (2) up to two Class B-DD licenses to restaurants located within a specified area of Riverdale Park Town Center; and (3) five Sunday off-sale permits to holders of a Class B BWL license with an off-sale privilege that acquired the license on or after January 1, 2016.
- b. The bill also requires the board to waive the reinvestment requirement for Class B BWL license holders that meet specified conditions.
- c. The bill increases from 100 to 105, the maximum number of Sunday off-sale permits that may be in effect at any one time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

46. Senate Bill 1015 – House Bill 1062 – Alcoholic Beverages – St. Mary’s County – Permits, Training, Prohibited Acts, and Violations

- a. These identical bills make multiple changes to provisions governing alcoholic beverages licenses.
- b. The bills establish a beer and wine tasting (BWT) permit and alter, from three ounces to two ounces, the maximum serving size of each offering of beer under a Class beer and wine tasting or sampling license.
- c. The bills require specified license holders to attend Responsible Alcohol Service Training and authorize the board to impose a fine of up to \$500 on an employee of a licensee for selling alcoholic beverages to an individual under age 21.
- d. The bills also authorize the board to revoke or suspend the license of a person the board finds to have violated the law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages, in addition to imposing a civil penalty of up to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

47. House Bill 779 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Local Penalties

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a fine not exceeding \$200 to an employee of a licensee who sells or provides alcoholic beverages to a minor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016.

48. Senate Bill 877 – House Bill 1320 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Class CT License

- a. These bills establish a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) BWL License.
- b. The bills authorize the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that is in a building primarily designed to show movies to the public, has a capacity to hold at least 100 permanent seats, and has a minimum of six movie theater rooms.
- c. The holder may sell alcoholic beverages on Thursdays in the lobby for 45 minutes before the movie starts and in a VIP room for 45 minutes before the movie starts, as well as during the movie.

- d. The license holder is required to obtain a crowd control training certificate from a board-certified program and, while serving alcoholic beverages, have one certified crowd control manager on premises for every 250 individuals present.
- e. One individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program, as required by the State, must be on premises at all times when alcohol is being served.
- f. The annual license fee is \$1,000. The bills terminate October 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

49. Senate Bill 1076 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Population Ratio Quota Classes of Licenses

- a. This bill specifies the types of licenses that the Board of License Commissioners is prohibited from issuing in an election district if the number exceeds the population ratio quota.
- b. The bill also clarifies that the board may issue specified licenses that would otherwise violate the population ratio quota in an election district if the board determines that there is a public need and desire for the license.
- c. Finally the bill reduces the minimum seating capacity required for a Class B on-and off-sale licenses from seating 75 to 50 persons, in line with the requirement for a Class B on-sale license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

50. Senate Bill 1077 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – License Renewal Procedures

- a. This bill makes multiple changes to license renewal procedures. The bill requires the application and required documents to renew an annual license be filed between April 1 and June 15, inclusive.
- b. A license holder who files an application on or before June 16 and June 30 is subject to a penalty of \$50 for each day of violation.
- c. The bill requires that a license renewal application be accompanied by a specified documentation.
- d. The bill also authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue renewed licenses for the following license year between June 15 and July 1, inclusive; and requires all renewed licenses to be dated July 1.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

51. Senate Bill 1078 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor License Fee

- a. This bill increases from \$300 to \$600, the annual license fee for a Class A BWL license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

52. Senate Bill 1079 – Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Hotel and Motel Licenses

- a. This bill alters the requirements for a Class B BWL license issued to a hotel or a motel.
- b. The bill also limits the license to on-sale privileges only and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to adopt specified regulations.
- c. The board may issue the license to the owner of a hotel or motel that meets specified requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

53. Senate Bill 1140 – Alcoholic Beverages – Wicomico County – Youth and Civic Center License

- a. This bill establishes a Class B Youth and Civic Center license. The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners may issue a license to a designee of the county executive for use at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center (WYCC).
- b. During the term of the license, WYCC must maintain a kitchen, dining space, and meeting space.
- c. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption to individuals attending a youth and civic center event.
- d. The hours of sale are the same as a Class B BWL license, and the annual license fee is \$1,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

54. Senate Bill 130 – Alcoholic Beverages – Worcester County – Refillable Container Permit Draft Beer

- a. This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to the holder of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages license.
- b. The annual permit fee is \$500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.

55. Senate Bill 967 – House Bill 697 – Alcoholic Beverages – Worcester County – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

- a. This establishes a Class A BWL license and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class A BWL license in accordance with specified requirements.
- b. The hours of sale are 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, Monday through Sunday.
- c. The annual license fee is \$4,500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016.