

HOUSE BILL 963

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CF SB 496

By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – On-Sale License Record Keeping and**
3 **Enforcement**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a holder of a license with an on-sale privilege in Harford
5 County to keep certain records at the location designated in the license or another
6 location in the county; requiring a certain license holder, on a certain number of days'
7 notice, to make certain records available for inspection by the Board of License
8 Commissioners for Harford County or a designee of the Board; requiring the Board
9 to impose a certain fine under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to
10 suspend a certain license under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
11 alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 22–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 22–1904
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1904.

(a) A holder of a license with an on–sale privilege shall:

(1) keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts and expenditures in the form that the Board requires; and

(2) procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and other items bought for sale.

(b) An on–sale license holder shall:

(1) keep the records required under subsection (a) of this section [open to] AT THE LOCATION DESIGNATED IN THE LICENSE OR ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE COUNTY; AND

(2) ON AT LEAST 5 DAYS’ NOTICE, MAKE THE RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR inspection by the Board or a designee of the Board.

(c) (1) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a Board officer, or any other person indicates that a holder of a license with an on–sale privilege is violating this title, the Board shall summon the license holder and conduct a hearing.

(2) If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board:

(I) shall IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$250 AND NOT MORE THAN \$2,000; AND

(II) MAY SUSPEND OR revoke the license holder’s license immediately.

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