

# HOUSE BILL 865

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class BNR License – Newly Opened**  
3 **Restaurant**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring food sales to exceed a certain minimum percentage of average  
5 daily gross receipts for a certain alcoholic beverages license in Harford County; and  
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses and restaurants in Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 22–102  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 22–906  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 22–102.

21 This title applies only in Harford County.

22 22–906.

23 (a) There is a Class BNR (newly opened restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) The Board may decide:

(1) the number of licenses to be issued; and

(2) to whom the licenses shall be issued.

(c) The Board may issue the license for use by a newly opened restaurant that:

(1) has a minimum capital investment of \$250,000 for new dining room facilities and newly installed kitchen equipment, not including the cost of land, buildings, or a lease;

(2) serves full-course meals at least twice daily;

(3) has regular seating at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for at least 60 individuals; [and]

**(4) HAS AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD THAT EXCEED 40% OF THE AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR; AND**

**[(4)] (5)** meets other standards set out in the regulations of the Board.

(d) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

(e) The annual license fee is \$3,000.

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