

HOUSE BILL 1272

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By: **Delegates Johnson and Lisanti**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Harford County a resort complex license; authorizing
4 the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue one resort complex
5 license to a certain person; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell
6 beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; establishing the days
7 and times during which a license holder may serve alcoholic beverages; exempting
8 the resort complex license from a certain license quota or restriction; establishing
9 that certain areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the licensed premises;
10 establishing a certain license fee; defining a certain term; 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)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 22–1005.2
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

25 22–102.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



This title applies only in Harford County.

22-1005.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RESORT COMPLEX” MEANS A PARCEL OR CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OF LAND:

(1) OF AT LEAST 10 ACRES;

(2) UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP; AND

(3) WITH FACILITIES THAT:

(I) INCLUDE LODGING, CONFERENCE SPACES, MEETING SPACES, ACTIVE OUTDOOR OPEN SPACES, WATERFRONT BEACH ACTIVITIES, OR A MARINA;

(II) SERVE THE PUBLIC; AND

(III) RESULTED IN A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$500,000 EXCLUSIVE OF THE COST OF THE LAND.

(B) THERE IS A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE TO THE PERSON OWNING, LEASING, OR OPERATING A RESORT COMPLEX.

(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM:

(1) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT MAY BE CONSUMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECREATION OR THE PLAYING OF MUSIC AND DANCING AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX;

(2) ONE OR MORE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX THAT OPERATE AS A RESTAURANT;

(3) BARS OR COUNTERS AT ONE OR MORE LOCATIONS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX DAILY FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

(4) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR CULINARY EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT WHICH MAY INCLUDE OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

1 **(5) ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET IN THE RESORT COMPLEX FOR**
2 **OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

3 **(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

4 **(1) AT ONE OR MORE OUTSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX ON**
5 **MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT;**

6 **(2) AT ONE OR MORE INSIDE OUTLETS IN THE RESORT COMPLEX:**

7 **(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M.**
8 **THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

9 **(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT; AND**

10 **(3) AT ONE DESIGNATED OUTLET FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:**

11 **(I) ON MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M.**
12 **THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND**

13 **(II) ON SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT.**

14 **(F) A RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTA OR**
15 **RESTRICTION ON OFF-SALE LICENSES ISSUED FOR THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN**
16 **WHICH THE RESORT COMPLEX IS LOCATED.**

17 **(G) (1) CERTAIN AREAS IN A RESORT COMPLEX MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM**
18 **THE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE LICENSED**
19 **PREMISES.**

20 **(2) A PERSON OTHER THAN THE RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE HOLDER**
21 **MAY OBTAIN A DIFFERENT CLASS OF LICENSE FOR AN AREA EXCLUDED UNDER**
22 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

23 **(H) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,500.**

24 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
25 **1, 2020.**