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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Beer and Class A Beer**  
3 **and Wine Licenses – Retail Grocery Establishments**

4 **PG 304–26**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain exception in Prince George’s County to the  
6 prohibition against issuing alcoholic beverages licenses for use in conjunction with  
7 or on the premises of supermarkets; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners  
8 for Prince George’s County to issue a Class A beer or Class A beer and wine license  
9 for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain retail grocery establishments  
10 located in certain areas of the county; establishing that a certain prohibition against  
11 being issued or using more than one alcoholic beverages license does not apply to a  
12 license issued under this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses  
13 in Prince George’s County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
16 Section 4–203, 4–205, and 26–102  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
2 Section 26–1501(c) and 26–1509  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

5 BY adding to  
6 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
7 Section 26–1509.1  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

13 4–203.

14 (a) Except as otherwise provided in Division II of this article, Title 3, Title 4, or  
15 Title 5 of this division, or subsection (b) of this section, more than one license may not be  
16 issued:

17 (1) to an individual; or

18 (2) for the use of a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated  
19 association, or a limited liability company.

20 (b) (1) A single individual may hold Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses or  
21 Class BLX or equivalent licenses issued by different local licensing boards only for  
22 restaurants, hotels, or motels.

23 (2) The number of licenses that a single individual may hold is limited only  
24 by the cap imposed by each local licensing board on the licenses that the local licensing  
25 board issues.

26 (3) The licenses may be issued for the use of:

27 (i) the license holder; or

1 (ii) a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a  
2 limited liability company.

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in Division II of this article or Title 3, Title 4, or  
4 Title 5 of this division, an individual may not be issued in the State more than one Class A,  
5 Class C, or Class D license for the use of:

6 (1) that individual; or

7 (2) a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a  
8 limited liability company.

9 4–205.

10 (a) This section does not apply to:

11 (1) an establishment that already holds a Class A, Class B, or Class D beer  
12 license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license; or

13 (2) a license holder that sells alcoholic beverages at discount prices.

14 (b) A local licensing board may not issue a Class A, Class B, or Class D beer  
15 license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license for use in conjunction with  
16 or on the premises of:

17 (1) a chain store;

18 (2) a supermarket; or

19 (3) a discount house.

20 26–102.

21 This title applies only in Prince George’s County.

22 26–1501.

1 (c) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local  
2 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

3 (1) § 4–202 (“Authority of local licensing boards”), in addition to §§ 26–1502  
4 and 26–1503 of this subtitle;

5 (2) § 4–203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or  
6 for use of entity”), subject to **[§ 26–1505] §§ 26–1505 AND 26–1509.1** of this subtitle and  
7 Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle 16, Part II of this title;

8 (3) § 4–204 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same  
9 premises”), subject to § 26–1505 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III of this title;

10 (4) § 4–205 (“Chain store, supermarket, or discount house”), subject to **[§**  
11 **26–1509] §§ 26–1509 AND 26–1509.1** of this subtitle;

12 (5) § 4–208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 26–1512  
13 of this subtitle;

14 (6) § 4–209 (“Hearing”), in addition to § 26–1511 of this subtitle;

15 (7) § 4–211 (“License forms; effective date; expiration”), in addition to §  
16 26–1508 of this subtitle;

17 (8) § 4–212 (“License not property”), subject to § 26–1506 of this subtitle;  
18 and

19 (9) § 4–213 (“Replacement licenses”), subject to § 26–1517 of this subtitle.

20 26–1509.

21 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section **AND § 26–1509.1 OF THIS**  
22 **SUBTITLE**, the Board may not issue a license that has an off–sale privilege to:

23 (1) an establishment commonly known as a chain store, supermarket, or  
24 discount house; or

25 (2) a franchisor, franchisee, or concessionaire of the establishment.

1 (b) An establishment described in subsection (a) of this section that held a license  
2 on July 1, 1973:

3 (1) may continue to hold the license; and

4 (2) at the discretion of the Board, may change the class of the license.

5 **26-1509.1.**

6 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN AREAS OF THE COUNTY LOCATED  
7 INSIDE THE CAPITAL BELTWAY.

8 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CLASS A BEER LICENSE OR CLASS A BEER  
9 AND WINE LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR USE  
10 IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR ON THE PREMISES OF A SELF-SERVICE RETAIL  
11 ESTABLISHMENT:

12 (1) THAT IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED OR PART OF A CORPORATION  
13 OPERATING A CHAIN OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE SAME TRADE NAME;

14 (2) THAT OFFERS FOR SALE A FULL LINE OF FOOD PRODUCTS IN AT  
15 LEAST SIX OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

16 (I) FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES;

17 (II) FRESH AND UNCOOKED MEAT, POULTRY, AND SEAFOOD;

18 (III) DAIRY PRODUCTS;

19 (IV) CANNED FOODS;

20 (V) FROZEN FOODS;

21 (VI) DRY GROCERIES AND BAKED GOODS; OR

22 (VII) NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;

1           **(3) THAT HAS A MINIMUM OF 50% OF THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE**  
2 **PUBLIC AREA OF THE RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT DEDICATED TO THE SALE OF FOOD**  
3 **OR BEVERAGES LISTED IN ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

4           **(4) FOR WHICH AT LEAST 50% OF THE AVERAGE MONTHLY GROSS**  
5 **RECEIPTS ARE DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF FOOD PRODUCTS.**

6           **(C) THE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST ONE PERSON OR ENTITY BEING ISSUED OR**  
7 **USING MORE THAN ONE LICENSE UNDER § 4-203 OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY**  
8 **TO A CLASS A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

9           **(D) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE BOARD SHALL REPORT**  
10 **TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**  
11 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE NUMBER OF LICENSES**  
12 **ISSUED AND LICENSE APPLICATIONS PENDING UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE**  
13 **AVERAGE MONTHLY PERCENTAGE OF GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF**  
14 **FOOD PRODUCTS FOR EACH LICENSE HOLDER DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.**

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2031,  
17 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
18 of no further force and effect.