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STATEWIDE ALCOHOL RELATED LEGISLATION THAT PASSED IN 2025

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[Added notes in brackets]

Statewide Alcoholic Beverages *[The 90 Day Report, Part H-31 to H-32]*

Alcoholic Beverages (Statewide) Class 5 Breweries On-premises Consumption

Generally, the holder of a Class 5 brewery license can operate a taproom to sell beer on-site and sell beer it produces at retail for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances. A local licensing board may issue an on-premises consumption permit to an applicant that holds a Class 5 brewery license and a Class D beer license or equivalent license. A Class 5 brewery that obtains an on-premises consumption permit may sell up to 5,000 barrels of beer each year for on-premises consumption if specified criteria are met. ***Senate Bill 1039 (passed)*** increases, from 25% to 35%, the criteria for the maximum percentage of the total number of barrels of beer not produced by the holder of a Class 5 brewery license that the licensee may sell for on-premises consumption in a calendar year. *[Effective Date: July 1, 2025]*

Supermarket and Chain Store Licenses did not pass

Chapter 99 of 1962 prohibited the issuance, transfer, or grant of Class A, B, or D beer, wine, and liquor licenses, except by way of renewal, to chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses. Additionally, Chapter 991 of 1978 prohibited the issuance, transfer, or grant of Class A, B, or D beer; beer and wine; or beer, wine, and liquor licenses, except by way of renewal, to chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses. However, there are still a number of grandfathered licensees in Maryland that are grocery stores or convenience stores that have retained the privilege to sell beer and wine on their premises.

Senate Bill 824 (failed) would have repealed the prohibition on local licensing boards from issuing a Class A beer license; beer and wine license; or beer, wine, and liquor license for use in conjunction with or on the premises of a chain store, a supermarket, or a discount house.

House Bill 1379 (failed) would have authorized specified retail establishments (*e.g.*, food retailers, pharmacies, or retail service stations) to offer to purchase a Class A license from an existing Class A license holder or to obtain a Class A license from a local licensing board under certain circumstances.

[Additional Statewide Alcoholic Related Legislation that Passed but is not included in 90 Day Report:

Senate Bill 764/House Bill 411 (passed) designating the orange crush cocktail originated in 1995 at the Harborside Bar and Grill in Ocean City, Maryland as the State cocktail; and designating chromite, which reflects the nature of Maryland's rich mining history and vast mineral resources, as the State mineral. *Effective Date: June 1, 2025]*

Lottery [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-16 to H-17*]

Lottery

Instant Ticket Lottery Machines

House Bill 328 (passed) [Governor Vetoed 5/16/25] adds fraternal organizations to the organizations that the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (SLGCA) may issue a license to for instant ticket lottery machines (ITLM). The bill authorizes up to three ITLMs for a licensee that is a fraternal organization. The bill alters the distribution of proceeds from ITLM sales by veterans' organizations and specifies the distribution of proceeds from ITLM sales by fraternal organizations, with the remainder of each being distributed to the Education Trust Fund. SLGCA must ensure that the element of chance in the conduct of a ITLM is contained wholly within the predetermined instant lottery ticket instead of being wholly within the preprinted instant lottery ticket.

Lottery Internet Subscription Plans

House Bill 618 (passed) authorizes SLGCA to establish a system or program that allows for the purchase of a State lottery subscription plan for certain lottery games through an electronic device that connects to the Internet, such as a personal computer or mobile device. In addition, the bill authorizes SLGCA to permit a retailer to sell a voucher that may be applied towards the cost of a State lottery subscription plan. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Skilled-based Amusement Devices

Senate Bill 667/House Bill 633 (both passed) the definition of "slot machine" to exclude a machine, apparatus, or device that is a skills-based amusement device that awards prizes of merchandise, tickets, tokens, or other objects that per play do not exceed minimal value, as approved by SLGCC regulation, and may be accumulated and exchanged for noncash merchandise or prizes of value that is similar to the cumulated value of the objects exchanged and does not exceed a minimal wholesale value of \$599. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Miscellaneous [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-5 to H-6*]

Enforcement for Miscellaneous State Business Licenses

Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article applies to 15 categories of miscellaneous business licenses, including construction licenses, junk dealer or scrap metal processor licenses, restaurant licenses, traders' licenses, and vending machine licenses.

Senate Bill 664/House Bill 577 (both passed) require the Comptroller's Office to study the enforcement process of miscellaneous business licenses under Title 17 by its Field Enforcement Bureau. The Comptroller's Office must consult with relevant stakeholders and report its findings to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Maryland Mobile ID Enhancement Act [*The 90 Day Report, G-8*]

Chapter 142 of 2019 authorizes MVA to issue an “electronic credential” (*i.e.*, an electronic representation of a license, an identification card, or a data field) to an individual in addition to, and not instead of, a license or an identification card if MVA has already issued either physical credential to the individual. MVA may enter into agreements with a Maryland State agency, another state agency, or the United States to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials issued by MVA (or another state). ***House Bill 1371 (passed)*** similarly authorizes MVA to enter into an agreement to facilitate the issuance, use, and verification of electronic credentials through a national association of motor vehicle agencies. The bill also authorizes an individual who will operate a rented vehicle to use an electronic credential showing a representation of a valid driver’s license (instead of a physical driver’s license) to rent the vehicle. [*Effective Date: October 1, 2025*]

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Allegany County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-32*]

Minimum Age of Employees: ***House Bill 1108 (passed)*** increases, from 16 to 18 years, the minimum age of an individual that an alcoholic beverages licensee in Allegany County may employ if the licensee does not derive more than half of its revenues from the sale of food. A licensee that derives more than half of its revenues from the sale of food may employ an individual between the ages of 16 and 21 years. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Anne Arundel County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-32 to H-33*]

License Conversions: ***Senate Bill 17/House Bill 515 (both passed)*** authorize a holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County that qualifies as a veterans’ organization to convert that license to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license. The bills reduce, from \$400 to \$300, the annual license fees for Class C (veterans’ organization) licenses and authorize the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to issue application and administrative fee discounts to specified applicants. The bills also allow the holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license to operate on Sundays without obtaining a separate Sunday license. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Inspector Salary: ***Senate Bill 568/House Bill 409 (both passed)*** increase, from \$9,000 to \$18,000, the annual salary of the part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the board of license commissioners. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Population Ratio Quota: ***Senate Bill 571/House Bill 99 (both passed)*** limit the issuance of Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in certain assessment districts of Anne Arundel County based

on a population ratio quota, as specified. The bills terminate December 31, 2028. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

License Issuance – Distance Restrictions: [*Senate Bill 888/House Bill 1259*](#) (*both passed*) authorize the board of license commissioners to issue a Class B beer and wine (on-sale) license or a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license for an establishment located within 1,000 feet of a school located at the Annapolis Mall. The bills also authorize the board to issue a dancing permit to the holder of a Class H license if the licensed premises is located within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a school located at the Annapolis Mall. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Board of License Commissioners – Alterations: [*Senate Bill 972*](#) (*passed*) [*Governor Vetoed 5/16/25*] increases, from three to five, the number of members of the board of license commissioners that the Governor must appoint and alters the eligibility requirements for board members, as specified. The bill also requires the board to include on all application forms for the issuance or renewal of a license an option for the applicant to provide the applicant's race and ethnicity information.

Class C Licenses – Events: [*House Bill 571*](#) (*passed*) authorizes a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license holder; a Class C (fraternal/sororal) organization license holder; and a Class C (veterans' organization) license holder in Anne Arundel County to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for on-premises consumption, including (1) during an event held on the licensed premises and (2) to a member of the club or a guest of the member. If the license holder hosts an event for an outside group, the bill requires the outside group to purchase a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license from the board of license commissioners. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Limited Special Event Permit: [*House Bill 1281*](#) (*passed*) establishes a limited special event permit and authorizes the board of license commissioners to issue the permit to a Class B, Class C, or Class D license holder, or a Class H or Class BLX license holder that is at least 1,000 feet away from a place of worship or school. The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment. Before issuing the permit, the board may require a license holder to provide information on the event for which the permit is requested. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Local Property Tax Credit [*The 90 Day Report, B-4*]

Supermarkets: [*Senate Bill 131/House Bill 598*](#) (*both passed*) authorize Anne Arundel County and municipalities in the county to grant a property tax credit for personal property owned by a supermarket that completes eligible construction and is located in a food desert retail incentive area. [*Effective Date: June 1, 2025*]

Baltimore City [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-33 to H-34*]

Hours of Operation Violations: [*Senate Bill 284*](#) (*passed*) establishes penalties that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners must impose on a holder of an alcoholic beverages license for the offense of operating outside of the hours of operation specified in statute for the license without first obtaining an exemption from the board. For a first offense, the board must impose a fine of at least \$1,000 or suspend the license or both. For a second or subsequent offense, the board must impose a fine between \$2,000 and \$20,000 or suspend the license or both. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

45th Alcoholic Beverages District: *Senate Bill 304/House Bill 472 (both passed)* authorize the board of license commissioners to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 400 block of East Oliver Street in the 45th alcoholic beverages district, as specified. The bills also establish a geographic boundary in the 45th alcoholic beverages district within which a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license holder or a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license holder may only sell alcoholic beverages during specified hours. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

License Authorizations and Revisions: *Senate Bill 662/House Bill 784 (both passed)* authorize the board of license commissioners to (1) issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain location in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, as specified, if the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Mount Vernon – Belvedere Association, and (2) issue a license in or approve the transfer of a license to a location in the 46th alcoholic beverages district, as specified, if the license holder has received a letter of support from the place of worship or school that is within the bounded area *and* has entered into an MOU with a community association that is within the bounded area.

The bills also (1) extend the date through which multiple licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district must be considered unexpired for the purpose of completing a transfer; (2) authorize the board to waive a requirement for a license holder within a specified area to maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 40% of total daily receipts; and (3) expand a certain requirement for an MOU to apply to any alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City. [Effective Date: June 1, 2025]

Senate Bill 939/House Bill 1172 (both passed) require the board of license commissioners to impose a fee of up to \$250 for expedited processing of a Class C per diem license application if that application is submitted less than two weeks before the scheduled event requiring the per diem license. The bills authorize the board to issue a Class C beer and light wine license, a Class C beer and wine license, and a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to specified locations in the 40th alcoholic beverages district. The bills also prohibit certain license holders within a specified area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Senate Bill 1013 (passed) extends the expiration of a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises on the 5700 block of Falls Road in Baltimore City to July 1, 2026, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal at the same location. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

43rd Alcoholic Beverages District: *Senate Bill 788/House Bill 346 (both passed)* authorize the board of license commissioners to issue, in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district, one Class B-D-7 license in the 2600 block of Huntingdon Avenue, one Class B-D-7 license in the 300 block of West 29th Street, and three Class B-D-7 licenses in the 2700 block of Huntingdon Avenue, as specified. A Class C license issued for a premises in the 4500 block of North Charles Street must be considered unexpired until July 1, 2026, for the purpose of being renewed. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

[The 90 Day Report, Part E – Crimes, Corrections, and Public Safety E-13 to E-14]

Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City – Neighborhood Services Unit

House Bill 1293 (passed) establishes the Neighborhood Services Unit within the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City and requires the unit to (1) work in partnership with the Board of License

Commissioners of Baltimore City to enforce the alcoholic beverages laws of Baltimore City and (2) perform any other duties as directed by the Sheriff. The unit and board must enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifies (1) the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties in connection with the partnership; and (2) the funding source for the unit.

In addition, the bill expands the authorized uses of revenue generated from a certain surcharge on filing fees collected by the District Court in Baltimore City to include the work of the unit. [*Effective Date: October 1, 2025*]

Baltimore County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-34 to H-35*]

License Transfers: ***House Bill 746 (passed)*** authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners, from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2028, to approve the transfer of up to five Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages licenses in existence in an eligible transferor district on June 1, 2025, from the district to other election districts within the county. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Class B-OB-CRD (Office Building – Commercial Revitalization District) License: ***House Bill 987 (passed)*** establishes a Class B-OB-CRD (office building – commercial revitalization district) beer, wine, and liquor license and authorizes the board of license commissioners to issue up to one license in the county, as specified. The Class B-OB-CRD license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption and wine for off-premises consumption if the wine is purchased along with prepared food and is not displayed in an area accessible to the public. The bill authorizes the license to be issued for an establishment within 300 feet of a place of worship if the place of worship consents in writing. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Change of Location: ***House Bill 1141 (passed)*** is an emergency bill which authorizes the board of license commissioners to approve a change of location of a license under certain circumstances, if the license was originally issued within the same election district and has been at the same location for at least 10 years. [*Effective Date: April 22, 2025*]

Waiting Period After License Denial: ***House Bill 1145 (passed)*** establishes, that if an alcoholic beverages license application is denied, another license application for the same location may not be made for one year after the denial. If a license application for a location is denied twice, a license may not be issued for the same location for two years after the second denial. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Caroline County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-35*]

Special Event Venue License and Multiple Event Licenses: ***Senate Bill 910/House Bill 1335 (both passed)*** establish a special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license and authorize the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to owners of special event venues. The license holder is authorized to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, as specified, on the day of a special event. The bills also replace current law provisions that authorize only volunteer fire companies to store alcoholic beverages on licensed premises between individual licensed events with a broader provision that extends this authorization to all holders of multiple event licenses, as specified. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Charles County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-35*]

Baseball Stadium License – Alterations: *Senate Bill 731/House Bill 835 (both passed)* prohibit a Class B-Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license holder from selling alcoholic beverages in parking areas of the stadium. The bills authorize patrons to consume and carry beer, wine, and liquor anywhere on the stadium premises, excluding any parking areas. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Dorchester County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-35 to H-36*]

Arts Beer and Wine License: *Senate Bill 800/House Bill 567 (both passed)* establish an arts beer and wine license and authorize the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business, including an art center, art gallery, a museum, or a similar business, as specified. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License: *Senate Bill 802/House Bill 564 (both passed)* establish a venue beer, wine, and liquor license and authorize the board of license commissioners to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that hosts weddings, banquets, parties, meetings, and similar events at a venue, as specified. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License: *Senate Bill 839/House Bill 569 (both passed)* expand the beer and wine tasting license to be a the beer, wine, and liquor tasting license and authorize the license holder to provide up to 0.5 ounces from each offering of liquor and up to 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in one day. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Licensing Fees: *Senate Bill 869/House Bill 566 (both passed)* increase licensing fees for specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County and authorize the board of license commissioners to charge specified application and transfer fees. The bills also lower the license fee for Class C beer licenses. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Frederick County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-36*]

Tasting Permits: *Senate Bill 636/House Bill 1026 (both passed)* convert Frederick County’s beer and wine consumption permit and its beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit into a beer and wine tasting permit, and a beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit, respectively. The bills remove specified limitations on the size and quantity of sample servings of beer, wine, and liquor and instead require the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity of beer, wine, and liquor that can be served by a permit holder. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License: *Senate Bill 670/House Bill 866 (both passed)* establish a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license and authorize the board of license commissioners to issue the license to a theater with seating. A license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from one hour before to one hour after (1) a regular performance; (2) a fund-raiser performance that benefits the theater; or (3) an event hosted by an outside group that has rented the theater. [*Effective Date: June 1, 2025*]

Barbershop and Beauty Salon License – Alterations: *Senate Bill 738/House Bill 512 (both passed)* increase, from 5.0 to 6.5 ounces, the amount of wine by the glass that can be served for on-premises consumption under a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Garrett County [The 90 Day Report, Part H-36 to H-37]

Senate Bill 826/House Bill 685 (both passed) establish (1) a Class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) beer and wine license; (2) a class BDR-DC (deluxe complex restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license; (3) a Class BRC-resort complex beer and wine license; and (4) a Class BRC-resort complex beer, wine, and liquor license.

The bills also (1) clarify that applicants for specified alcoholic beverages licenses must submit an application on the form provided by the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners; (2) clarify public notice requirements the board must follow prior to holding a hearing on specified alcoholic beverages license applications; and (3) clarify that a nonprofit organization, rather than a club, may qualify for specified Class C multiple day and multiple event licenses. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Harford County [The 90 Day Report, Part H-37]

Board of License Commissioners – Hearing Notices: *Senate Bill 744/House Bill 754 (both passed)* authorize the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to publish certain hearing notices as well as decisions on license applications and certain changes to existing licenses in one newspaper of general circulation in the county or online, as specified. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License – Record-Keeping Requirements: *Senate Bill 745/House Bill 714 (both passed)* repeal obsolete references to the Comptroller relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements for a performing arts nonprofit organization beer, wine, and liquor license and repeals the Comptroller's previous authority to temporarily suspend the license without a hearing. The bills authorize, rather than require, the board of license commissioners to summon a performing arts nonprofit organization beer, wine, and liquor license holder for a hearing and impose a fine, as specified. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Multiple Licenses – Golf Simulator Facilities: *Senate Bill 746/House Bill 712 (both passed)* authorize the board of license commissioners to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) alcoholic beverages license to the holder of one or more Class B licenses. A Class GSF license must be included in the maximum number of nine Class B licenses that may be issued to the same person in the county. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Alteration of License Quotas: *House Bill 715 (passed)* increases, from 4,000 to 4,750 individuals, the quota used by the board of license commissioners when issuing specified Class A licenses. [Effective Date: July 1, 2025]

Howard County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-37*]

Class D Licenses – Delivery: *Senate Bill 1036/House Bill 1387 (both passed)* authorize the holder of a Class D license or an employee of the license holder to deliver alcoholic beverages within the county in the same manner as the holder of a Class A license. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Class MT (Movie Theater) License: *House Bill 1494 (passed)* establishes the Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license and authorizes the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater that holds a crowd control training certification. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption by a patron who has purchased a ticket to a current or future showing of a movie on the licensed premises. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Montgomery County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-38*]

Beauty Salon and Barbershop License: *House Bill 1095 (passed)* expands the beauty salon beer and wine license to be the beauty salon and barbershop beer, wine, and liquor license. The license authorizes the license holder to provide up to 5 ounces of wine and 1.7 ounces of liquor for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon or barbershop customer, as specified. The bill also increases, from 5 to 12 ounces, the maximum amount of beer a license holder may provide to a customer for on-premises consumption. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Class BD–BWL Licenses – Multiple Licenses: *House Bill 1174 (passed)* increases, from one to two, the maximum number of Class BD-BWL licenses a licensee may hold, as specified. The second licensed premises must maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Somerset County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-38*]

Liquor Tasting License: *House Bill 1238 (passed)* establishes a liquor tasting license and authorizes the Somerset County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license. The license authorizes the holder to allow the consumption of liquor for tasting if (1) the license holder is authorized to sell the liquor and (2) the consumer is not charged for the liquor. An individual may consume liquor at a liquor tasting in a quantity of up to one-half ounce from each offering of liquor, and five offerings in one day. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

St. Mary's County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-38*]

Alteration of Class A License Quota: *House Bill 476 (passed)* increases, from 1,350 to 4,000 individuals, the quota used by the St. Mary's County Board of License Commissioners when issuing Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in the 8th election district of the county. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Civil Penalties for Sales Violations: *House Bill 486 (passed)* increases, from \$1,000 to \$2,500, the maximum civil penalty the board of license commissioners may impose on a person who violates a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Multiple Licensing Plans: [*House Bill 574 \(passed\)*](#) prohibits the board of license commissioners from issuing more than three Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses for separate premises to an individual or for the use of a person, as specified. Only one of the three licenses specified may authorize the sale of alcohol for off-premises consumption. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Washington County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-38 to H-39*]

[*Senate Bill 503/House Bill 481 \(both passed\)*](#) [*Governor Vetoed 5/16/25*] alter the composition of the Washington County Board of License Commissioners. Specifically, based on the results of the preceding election for the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, two members must belong to the political party that received the highest aggregated number of votes, and one member must belong to the political party that received the second highest aggregated number of votes.

Wicomico County [*The 90 Day Report, Part H-39*]

Temporary To-go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-go License: [*Senate Bill 798/House Bill 655 \(both passed\)*](#) establish a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license and a related temporary to-go event permit. The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners may issue the Class C per diem municipal to-go license to municipalities in the county. The license authorizes the license holder to allow beer, wine, and liquor sold by the holder of a temporary to-go event permit to enter a designated special event area described in the license for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days. The board may issue a temporary to-go event permit to the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license located within or immediately adjacent to a special event area identified in and for use in conjunction with a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license. [*Effective Date: July 1, 2025*]

Worcester County

[**Honorable Mention** – not included in the 90 Day Report]

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