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By: **Senator Guzzone**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Consumption Only Shopping Mall Plaza**  
3 **License and Special Event Permit**

4 **Ho. Co. 13–22**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to  
6 issue a consumption only shopping mall plaza license and special event permit to the  
7 owner of a commercial shopping mall if the mall meets certain criteria; authorizing  
8 the license holder to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor in a designated  
9 outdoor area if the beer, wine, or liquor is purchased from certain restaurants;  
10 establishing a shopping mall plaza special event permit; providing that the permit  
11 authorizes certain restaurants to operate additional bars or service counters for the  
12 sale and service of food and alcoholic beverages in a designated outdoor plaza during  
13 a special event; and generally relating to a consumption only shopping mall plaza  
14 license and special event permit in Howard County.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
17 Section 23–102  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY adding to  
2 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
3 Section 23–1006.1  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

9 23–102.

10 This title applies only in Howard County.

11 **23–1006.1.**

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “SHOPPING MALL” MEANS A COMBINATION OF  
13 COMMERCIAL, PROFESSIONAL, OR RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT:

14 (1) ARE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES;

15 (2) ARE UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL;

16 (3) SHARE COMMON PARKING FACILITIES; AND

17 (4) ENCOMPASS AT LEAST 60 ACRES.

18 (B) THERE IS A CONSUMPTION ONLY SHOPPING MALL PLAZA LICENSE.

19 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CONSUMPTION ONLY SHOPPING MALL PLAZA  
20 LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A SHOPPING MALL IF THE SHOPPING MALL:

21 (1) INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE RESTAURANT FOR WHICH A CLASS B  
22 LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED; AND

23 (2) CONTAINS A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA FOR THE  
24 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

1           **(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW THE**  
2 **CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA**  
3 **LOCATED ON THE PREMISES OF THE SHOPPING MALL IF THE BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR**  
4 **IS PURCHASED AT A RESTAURANT:**

5                   **(1) THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE SHOPPING MALL;**

6                   **(2) FOR WHICH A CLASS B LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED;**

7                   **(3) THAT IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA; AND**

8                   **(4) THAT USES CONTAINERS BRANDED WITH AN IDENTIFYING MARK**  
9 **OF THE SELLER.**

10           **(E) AS PART OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION, AN OWNER OF A SHOPPING**  
11 **MALL SHALL INCLUDE:**

12                   **(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA AND A LIST**  
13 **OF THE CONTIGUOUS LICENSE HOLDERS WHOSE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR MAY BE**  
14 **CONSUMED IN THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA; AND**

15                   **(2) A SECURITY PLAN THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HOWARD**  
16 **COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

17           **(F) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE,**  
18 **AND LIQUOR IN THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY,**  
19 **FROM 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M.**

20           **(G) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$4,000.**

21           **(H) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT” MEANS A**  
22 **RESTAURANT DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION THAT**  
23 **PARTICIPATES IN A COORDINATED PROMOTION OF A SPECIAL EVENT WITH THE**  
24 **OWNER OF A SHOPPING MALL IN WHICH THE RESTAURANT IS LOCATED.**

25                   **(2) (I) THERE IS A SHOPPING MALL PLAZA SPECIAL EVENT**  
26 **PERMIT.**

1                   **(II) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO THE HOLDER**  
2 **OF A CONSUMPTION ONLY SHOPPING MALL PLAZA LICENSE.**

3                   **(3) THE HOLDER OF A CONSUMPTION ONLY SHOPPING MALL PLAZA**  
4 **LICENSE SHALL APPLY TO THE BOARD FOR THE PERMIT BEFORE THE HOLDER OR A**  
5 **PARTICIPATING RESTAURANT MAY PUBLICIZE, SELL TICKETS FOR, ORGANIZE,**  
6 **OPERATE, PRODUCE, OR STAGE THE SPECIAL EVENT.**

7                   **(4) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS TO**  
8 **OPERATE ADDITIONAL BARS OR SERVICE COUNTERS FOR THE SALE AND SERVICE OF**  
9 **FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE DESIGNATED OUTDOOR PLAZA**  
10 **DESCRIBED UNDER THE CONSUMPTION ONLY SHOPPING MALL PLAZA LICENSE**  
11 **DURING A SPECIAL EVENT.**

12                   **(5) THE PERMIT FEE IS \$500.**

13                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2022.