

# HOUSE BILL 1076

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sports Stadium License**

3 **MC 19–16**

4 FOR the purpose of creating in Montgomery County a sports stadium license; authorizing  
5 the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to certain individuals;  
6 establishing certain criteria for the sports stadium; establishing a certain residency  
7 requirement; authorizing the sale of beer and wine for on–premises consumption  
8 during a professional sports event or other event held at the stadium; allowing sales  
9 to take place at a service bar or throughout the stadium by individual sales vendors  
10 on behalf of the licensee; providing for the hours of sale for the license; requiring that  
11 all beer and wine intended for consumption at the stadium be purchased from the  
12 Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control; requiring that each server of  
13 alcoholic beverages hold a certain certificate; establishing an annual license fee; and  
14 generally relating to a sports stadium beer and wine license in Montgomery County.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 25–1011.1

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_ (S.B. \_\_) (6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
20 2016)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

24 **25–1011.1.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A)    THERE IS A SPORTS STADIUM LICENSE.**

2           **(B)    (1)    SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD**  
3 **MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THREE INDIVIDUALS SERVING ON THE BOARD OF**  
4 **DIRECTORS FOR A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
5 **THAT OPERATES A STADIUM THAT:**

6                   **(I)    HAS A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$2,000,000, NOT**  
7 **INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND;**

8                   **(II)   SERVES AS A VENUE FOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS EVENTS;**  
9 **AND**

10                   **(III) HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF 2,000 PERSONS, AS**  
11 **ESTABLISHED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL FOR THE COUNTY.**

12           **(2)    AT LEAST ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM THE LICENSE IS**  
13 **ISSUED SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR AT LEAST THE 2 YEARS**  
14 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.**

15           **(C)    (1)    THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER**  
16 **AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION DURING A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS**  
17 **EVENT OR OTHER EVENT HELD AT THE STADIUM.**

18                   **(2)    SALES MAY TAKE PLACE AT A SERVICE BAR OR THROUGHOUT THE**  
19 **STADIUM BY INDIVIDUAL SALES VENDORS ON BEHALF OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.**

20           **(D)    (1)    THE HOURS OF SALE DURING A SPORTS EVENT ARE:**

21                   **(I)    FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT**  
22 **UNTIL THE START OF THE FINAL PERIOD OF PLAY IF ONLY ONE EVENT IS PLAYED IN**  
23 **A DAY; OR**

24                   **(II)   FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST EVENT**  
25 **UNTIL THE START OF THE FINAL PERIOD OF PLAY OF THE LAST EVENT SCHEDULED**  
26 **FOR THAT DAY IF MORE THAN ONE EVENT IS PLAYED ON THE SAME DAY.**

27                   **(2)    THE HOURS OF SALE FOR AN EVENT OTHER THAN A SPORTS**  
28 **EVENT SHALL BE SET BY THE BOARD.**

29           **(E)    ALL BEER AND WINE INTENDED FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE STADIUM**  
30 **SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL FOR THE**  
31 **COUNTY.**

1           **(F) EACH SERVER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE STADIUM SHALL**  
2 **HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS**  
3 **PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

4           **(G) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,000.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2016.