Chapter 804

(House Bill 1387)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Licenses - Delivery

FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 23–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 23–1904

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

23-102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

23–1904.

- (a) (1) The holder of a Class A **OR CLASS D** license or an employee of the license holder may deliver alcoholic beverages only within the county.
- (2) An employee making a delivery shall meet the age requirements of § 23–1902 of this subtitle.
- (b) The deliverer and individual receiving the delivery shall, at the time of delivery, endorse a delivery form that the Board approves, certifying that:
- (1) the individual receiving the delivery claimed to be at least 21 years old and the claim was supported by documentary evidence;

- (2) the individual receiving the delivery knew that it is a criminal offense for alcoholic beverages to be given to an individual under the age of 21 years; and
 - (3) the deliverer examined the recipient's identification.
- (c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not make a retail delivery of alcoholic beverages unless the purchaser:
- (1) or another individual at least 21 years old designated by the purchaser, is physically present to receive the alcoholic beverages at the time and place of delivery; and
 - (2) pays for the purchase at the time of the order.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July $1,\,2025.$

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.