

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

June 2021

COVID-19 June Update

For the latest information, [view the COVID-19 section of our website](#).

Office Remains Closed to General

Public:

Please remember, the BLLC requests that all applications, correspondence, and related materials be **mailed in to the office at 1 North Charles St., Suite 1500, Baltimore, MD, 21201**. Phone lines will remain open from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, though no one will be available in person at the offices.

COVID-19 Restrictions to be Lifted

Effective July 1st, both Governor Hogan and Mayor Scott will lift all COVID-19 restrictions. Normal operations may resume at this point, and licensees should be aware of any efforts they must make to be current with licensing and permits.

The BLLC has issued guidance concerning the lifting of restrictions as well as the end of the Governor's Executive Order that lifted certain deadlines and dates. The guidance can be found [here](#). The Press Release can be found [here](#).

Members of the public or BLLC licensees may contact our office for further clarification or questions, as needed.

Virtual Hearings:

The BLLC held its first virtual hearing on May 7, 2020. All hearings are available for [viewing on CharmTV](#). The next hearing will be July 8th, 2021, [click here for more information](#).

2021 MD Legislative Session Update



Each year the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) passes legislation that affects the citizens of Baltimore. Below is a brief recap of legislation related to the alcoholic beverages article from the MGA's 2021 Legislative Session. These laws go into effect July 1, 2021. Click the link for the full bill:

[HB256](#) – Restricts hours of operation for Class BD7 licenses in the area along the south side of Frederick Ave. between South Augusts Ave. and South Loudon Ave. to 9am to 9pm.

[HB 572 / SB426](#) - Authorizes the Board to: issue a Class B license in Unit G of 3700 Toone Street in Ward 26, Precinct 8, with certain conditions; allows the holder of a Class 9 Limited Distillery License who also holds a Class D (6-Day) beer, wine, and liquor license and is located on the 4200 Block of E. Pratt St. to apply to the Board to convert the existing Class D (6-Day) BWL license into a Class D (7-Day) BWL license; Authorizes the Board to issue a Class D beer and light wine license for an establishment in Ward 26, Precinct 8, on the west side of the 1200 block of S. Haven St., with certain conditions.

[HB 868 / SB 547](#)– Authorizes the Board to issue a Class BD-7 license in in the 4800 Block of Harford Rd. if the applicant meets certain conditions

[HB 1288](#)- Authorizes the Board to: Issue a Class BD-7 license on the eastern side of the 400 block of North Howard St., with certain conditions; Issue a specific Class C BWL license in the 1200 block of Eutaw Place with certain conditions; Creates three newly defined and specific areas in the 40th District in which the hours of sale for all Class A (any type) and Class BD-7 license holders are to be 10am to 10pm.

[HB 12 / SB 205](#)– (Statewide) Allows for possible continuation of delivery and carry-out of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, requiring the local licensing Board to adopt regulations to authorize such actions.

[HB 185](#)- (Statewide) Prohibits a license holder or employee of a license holder from requiring, as a condition of sale of an alcoholic beverage for on-premise consumption, that an individual buy more than one bottle, container, or other serving of and alcoholic beverage at a time.

[HB 1232 / SB 821](#) - (Statewide) Creates a manufacturer off-site permit which the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission may issue to a holder of specific licenses with certain requirements.

Underage Task Force to Resume Operations

The BLLC Inspection Division, in partnership with the Baltimore Police Department and BPD Cadets, will be resuming operations of the underage task force in the coming months. The task force had suspended operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. Licensees are reminded that all precautions should be taken to avoid selling to those under the age of 21, and that identification should be checked at all times.

Citizens who witness or suspect underage sales should submit detailed complaints using the 311 system ([Phone](#), [online](#), [app](#)) by selecting the "Sales to Minors" option on the app or website.