

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**OF**  
**TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2023 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: August 22, 2023

Bill No.: 1547

Expiration Date: October 26, 2023

Introduced by: Mr. Callahan, Ms. Haythe, Mr. Stepp

**A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) REGARDING OPERATIONS OF CLASS I ALCOHOL DISPENSARY BISTROS**

By the Council: August 22, 2023

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Courthouse, South Wing, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order:   
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

**A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF THE TALBOT COUNTY CODE (ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES) REGARDING OPERATIONS OF CLASS I ALCOHOL DISPENSARY BISTROS**

**SECTION ONE:** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND that Chapter 11 (Alcoholic Beverages) shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

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<b>Boldface</b> .....	Heading or defined term
<u>Underlining</u> .....	Added to law by Bill
<del>Strikethrough</del> .....	Deleted from law by Bill
* * *	Existing law unaffected

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**§ 11-5 Beer, wine and liquor licenses.**

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H. Beer, wine and liquor license, Class I (on- and off-sale), alcohol dispensary bistros.

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(3) Bistro area. In this section, “bistro area” means the area of the licensed premises dedicated to the sale or service of craft beer and wine for consumption on premises. “Bistro area” includes, without limitation, seating areas, service areas, and kitchen and food preparation areas. The bistro area shall be specifically designated and clearly marked on a plan to be reviewed and approved by the Board. On-premises consumption of craft beer and wine and food service may only occur in the bistro area. Nothing in this section shall preclude the license holder from placing racks or displays containing sealed packages or containers of ~~craft beer and wine~~ alcoholic beverages in the bistro area; provided, however, that Liquor liquor and beer other than craft beer shall not be ~~kept or displayed~~ consumed in the bistro area.

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(5) Hours. The hours during which the privileges conferred by the Class I license may be exercised are as follows:

- (a) On-sale. The bistro area, as defined in § 11-5H(3) above, may be open daily from ~~11:00~~ 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., provided however, that the bistro area may only be open when the off-sale portion of the business is also open.
- (b) Off-sale. The off-sale portion of the business may be open from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, except on Sunday the hours shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

**SECTION TWO:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that if any provision of this Bill or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Bill which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Bill are declared severable.

**SECTION THREE:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Publishers of the Talbot County Code and the Talbot County Office of Law, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the County Manager, may make non-substantive corrections to codification, style, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and any internal or external reference or citation included in this Bill, as finally adopted, that are incorrect or obsolete, with no further action required by the County Council. All such corrections shall be adequately referenced and described in an editor's note following the section affected.

**SECTION FOUR:** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Bill shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and Notice of time, date, and place of hearing, and Title of Bill No. 1547 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

ENACTED: September 12, 2023

By Order *Susan W. Moran*  
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

Callahan	-	Aye
Stepp	-	Aye
Leshner	-	Aye
Mielke	-	Aye
Haythe	-	Aye

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 11, 2023