

2026 End of Legislative Session Recap

As the 2026 legislative session has come to an end, we're recapping the bills that passed (or didn't) that impact the beer, wine and spirits industries

BEER / WINE / SPIRITS

Class L (Beer, Wine, Liquor)

[SB958](#) / [HB1552](#)

- Establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing a local licensing board to issue the license to a holder of a manufacturer's license; providing that the license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; establishing a license fee of \$250.
- **Died in Committee hearings**

Frederick County - Class L (Beer, Wine, Liquor)

[SB718](#)

- Establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor permit in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the permit to a holder of a manufacturer's license that also holds a Class DBR brewery license or a Class DDS distillery permit; and specifying that the permit authorizes the permit holder to sell or provide samples of certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances.
- **Died in Committee hearings**

Prince George's County - Personal Property Tax Exemption for Small Manufacturers PG 423-26 (Beer, Wine, Liquor)

[HB1243](#) - to be signed by Governor

- Exempting certain personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a certain manufacturing business that holds an alcoholic beverages manufacturer's license
- and has 50 or fewer employees from the municipal corporation personal property tax in Prince George's County;
- and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

2026 End of Legislative Session Recap

Stormwater Management on Agritourism Operations (Beer, Wine, Liquor)

[SB861](#) / [HB1071](#) - [CH0014](#)

- Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations that consider certain best management practices for stormwater management for agritourism;
- requiring Montgomery County and the Montgomery Soil Conservation District, in consultation with the Department, to review certain processes for reviewing and approving certain stormwater management plans;
- and generally relating to stormwater management and agricultural land agritourism.
- Signed by the Governor on 4/14/26

Food Establishments - Lavatory Requirement and On-Farm Food Service Facility License (Beer, Wine, Liquor)

[HB272](#) - being signed by Governor on 4/28

- Altering the type of toilet that certain food establishments may use to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory;
- requiring that the fee for an on-farm food service facility license be determined by the Maryland Department of Health based on certain factors and prohibiting the fee from exceeding \$100;
- establishing a 1-year term for an on-farm service facility license;
- and requiring the Department, in consultation with other departments and stakeholders, to adopt regulations governing on-farm service facility licenses.

WINE

[SB0803](#) / [HB1111](#) - to be signed by Governor

Class 3 + Class 4 Technical Fixes:

- Permits a Class 4 winery to sell bulk wine to a Class 3 winery
- Permits a Class 4 winery to make pomace brandy - not exceeding 80 proof - with ingredients that include at least 51% Maryland grown agricultural products

2026 End of Legislative Session Recap

- Montgomery County alcohol board may issue a Class D beer, wine, spirits license to the holder of a Class 3 winery license in Silver Spring

BEER

[SB807](#) - Signed by Governor

Class 8 Farm Brewery Licenses:

- requiring that a holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license engage in certain agritourism activity;
- altering certain standards and requirements for food service under a Class 8 farm brewery license;
- providing an exception to a prohibition against issuing an alcoholic beverages license for a premises that does not comply with local zoning laws for certain Class 8 farm brewery licenses;
- and generally relating to Class 8 farm brewery alcoholic beverages licenses