
By: Cecil County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 19, 1996

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(Caterer's License)**

4 FOR the purpose of creating and generally providing for a caterer's alcoholic beverages
5 license in Cecil County; transferring sections; and generally relating to alcoholic
6 beverages in Cecil County.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 6-701 through 6-710 and the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Caterers' Licenses",
10 respectively
11 to be Section 8-901 through 8-925, and the subtitle "Subtitle 9. Caterers' Licenses",
12 respectively
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 8-909
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 6-701 through 6-710 and the subtitle "Subtitle 7.
22 Caterers' Licenses", respectively, of Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated
23 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8-901 through 8-925 and the subtitle
24 "Subtitle 9. Caterers' Licenses", respectively.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
26 read as follows:

27 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

28 8-909.

29 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CECIL COUNTY.

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1 (B) IN THIS SECTION "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE
2 COMMISSIONERS.

3 (C) UPON APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE
4 BOARD, SIGNED AND SWORN TO, THE BOARD MAY GRANT A CATERER'S LICENSE.
5 THE LICENSE CONFERS UPON THE HOLDER THE PRIVILEGES AS TO HOURS AND
6 DAYS FOR SALE PERMITTED BY A CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

7 (D) (1) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED AS A SUPPLEMENT TO ANY OTHER
8 LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

9 (2) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO ANY LICENSEE MORE THAN
10 ONE TIME IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS THAT MAY
11 BE AUTHORIZED IS 12 PER YEAR.

12 (E) (1) THE LICENSEE SHALL HAVE THE FACILITIES TO PREPARE AND
13 DELIVER FOOD TO THE SITE OF THE CATERED EVENT.

14 (2) THE LICENSEE SHALL CONTRACT FOR AND PROVIDE FOOD AS WELL
15 AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AT CATERED EVENTS. THE
16 LICENSEE MAY NOT PROVIDE ONLY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

17 (3) A LICENSEE NEED NOT HAVE A BANQUET HALL.

18 (4) THE LICENSEE SHALL PURCHASE ALL OF THE ALCOHOLIC
19 BEVERAGES SERVED AT THE CATERED EVENT.

20 (F) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE SHALL BE SET BY THE BOARD AFTER
21 CONSULTATION WITH AND THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
22 COMMISSIONERS.

23 (G) BEFORE THE BOARD APPROVES AN APPLICATION FOR A CATERER'S
24 LICENSE, IT SHALL CAUSE A NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION TO BE PUBLISHED ONE
25 TIME IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY. THE NOTICE
26 SHALL SPECIFY THE:

27 (1) NAME OF THE APPLICANT;

28 (2) KIND OF LICENSE FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS BEING MADE; AND

29 (3) TIME AND PLACE FIXED BY THE BOARD FOR A HEARING UPON THE
30 APPLICATION. THIS MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 7 NOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE
31 LAST PUBLICATION.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, when the provisions of
33 this Act are renumbered and placed into Title 8, Subtitle 9 of Article 2B of the Annotated
34 Code of Maryland, sections shall be reserved for each county and Baltimore City so that
35 they are arranged in standard alphabetical arrangement, with one section dedicated, or
36 reserved, for each jurisdiction, and the first section reserved for general provisions.

37 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
38 October 1, 1996.