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By: **Senator Baker**

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CHAPTER 52

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Golf Course Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Cecil County a certain golf course alcoholic beverages  
4 license; establishing the terms and conditions for the golf course alcoholic  
5 beverages license; excluding the golf course alcoholic beverages license from the  
6 licenses to which certain restrictions on the aggregate number of licenses that  
7 the Board of License Commissioners may issue apply; repealing certain  
8 provisions authorizing the Board to issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to  
9 certain organizations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Cecil  
10 County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 8-208(a) and (b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
18 Section 8-501.1  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 8-208.

3 (a) (1) In Cecil County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a  
4 7-day beer, wine and liquor on-sale license to a club or organization.

5 (2) To qualify, the club or organization:

6 (i) Shall own real property in the County; and

7 (ii) 1. [If a golf and country club, shall have a golf course with a  
8 minimum of 18 holes;

9 2.] If a yacht club, the club shall have a minimum of 150  
10 members of which 50 members own yachts, boats, or other vessels; or

11 [3.] 2. If a local veterans' organization or a local fraternal or  
12 sororal organization, the organization shall be associated with a national  
13 organization.

14 (3) The license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine and liquor for  
15 on-premises consumption only.

16 (4) (i) The annual fee for a profit club or organization is \$2,000; and

17 (ii) The annual fee for a nonprofit club or organization is \$500.

18 (b) The Board of License Commissioners may not issue in the aggregate a  
19 number of alcoholic beverages licenses under the provisions of this subtitle which  
20 exceeds more than one to every 400 registered voters in Cecil County, or major  
21 fraction thereof, as determined by the current registration of voters. However, any  
22 Class C club licenses issued therein, [and] the licenses provided for in subsection (i)  
23 of this section, OR LICENSES PROVIDED FOR UNDER § 8-501.1 OF THIS ARTICLE may  
24 not be counted in the computation of the aggregate number of alcoholic beverages  
25 licenses. The quota shall be computed and applied separately for each of the several  
26 election districts of Cecil County.

27 8-501.1.

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

29 (B) THERE IS A CLASS GC (GOLF COURSE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (ON-SALE)  
30 LICENSE.

31 (C) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A CLASS GC  
32 LICENSE FOR USE BY AN ORGANIZATION OR COUNTRY CLUB THAT:

33 (1) IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE;

34 (2) IS OPERATED FOR PROFIT;

1           (3)     OWNS REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY; AND

2           (4)     HAS A REGULAR OR CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE WITH A MINIMUM  
3 OF 18 HOLES.

4     (D)     THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,000.

5     (E)     A CLASS GC LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO SELL BEER, WINE,  
6 AND LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY ON THE LAND AND IN THE BUILDINGS,  
7 INCLUDING THE CLUBHOUSE, THAT ARE USED FOR GOLFING PURPOSES.

8     (F)     A PATRON NEED NOT BE SEATED TO BE SERVED.

9     (G)     A PROHIBITION ON THE DISTANCE THAT LICENSED PREMISES MUST BE  
10 FROM A STRUCTURE USED AS A HOSPITAL, HOUSE OF WORSHIP, OR SCHOOL DOES  
11 NOT APPLY TO A CLASS GC LICENSEE.

12    (H)     THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE ARE AS SPECIFIED FOR A CLASS C  
13 LICENSEE UNDER § 11-508 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 June 1, 2000.