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CHAPTER 455

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Caterers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing persons ~~who~~ that are licensed as caterers in Harford
4 County to provide food and keep and sell at retail alcoholic beverages for ~~their~~
5 ~~own events on their own premises~~ consumption only on the premises of the
6 caterer at a self-sponsored event held once during a calendar year on a day
7 selected by the caterer; ~~altering a certain definition;~~ and generally relating to
8 licensed caterers in Harford County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 6-704(a) ~~and (b)~~
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 6-704.

3 (a) (1) This section applies only in Harford County.

4 (2) The annual license fee is \$750, which shall be paid to the Board
5 before the license is issued and which shall be distributed as provided.

6 (3) In this section, "caterer" means an establishment that:

7 ~~(A)~~ ~~{owns}~~ ~~OWNS~~ or leases 1 or more banquet rooms suitable for
8 public gatherings, with food preparation facilities on the premises~~{, };~~ ~~AND~~9 ~~(B)~~ ~~{which}~~ ~~PROVIDES FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ITS~~
10 ~~OWN EVENTS OR~~ contracts to provide food and alcoholic beverages to sponsors of
11 public or private events.12 (b) (1) A Class H beer, wine and liquor license may be issued upon the
13 approval of the Liquor Control Board and authorizes the owner or operator of a
14 catering establishment to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the
15 premises described therein for consumption on the premises during the catered event.16 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 12-107 of this article or any
17 other contrary provision of this article, a caterer licensed under this section also may
18 contract with patrons to permit them to bring personal alcoholic beverages onto the
19 premises of the caterer for consumption at catered events.

20 (3) A caterer licensed under this section may:

21 ~~(A)~~ ~~PROVIDE FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ITS OWN~~
22 ~~EVENTS ON ITS OWN PREMISES; OR~~23 ~~(B)~~ ~~{contract}~~ ~~CONTRACT~~ to provide alcoholic beverages at events
24 held off the premises, provided that:25 ~~{(i)}~~ ~~1.~~ The caterer contracts to provide food, as well as alcoholic
26 beverages, for consumption at the catered event; and27 ~~{(ii)}~~ ~~2.~~ The event is held in Harford County.28 (4) A CATERER LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY PROVIDE FOOD
29 AND KEEP AND SELL AT RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY
30 ON THE PREMISES OF THE CATERER, AT A SELF-SPONSORED EVENT HELD ONCE
31 DURING A CALENDAR YEAR ON A DAY SELECTED BY THE CATERER.32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2001.

