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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Theater License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Kent County a special theater (on-sale) beer, wine  
4 and liquor license; specifying certain application requirements and fees for the  
5 issuance of the license and fee and the times of sale of beer, wine, or liquor by  
6 the license holder; prohibiting the license from being transferred under certain  
7 circumstances; ~~making certain population requirements inapplicable to a~~  
8 ~~special theater license~~; defining a term; and generally relating to a special  
9 theater license in Kent County.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 8-215  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18 8-215.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE KENT COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE  
20 COMMISSIONERS.

21 (B) THERE IS A SPECIAL THEATER (ON-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR  
22 LICENSE IN KENT COUNTY.

1 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL THEATER (ON-SALE) BEER, WINE AND  
2 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR USE IN A THEATER IF THE THEATER:

3 (1) IS HOUSED WITHIN A BUILDING;

4 (2) HAS A CAPACITY TO HOLD A MINIMUM OF 150 PERMANENTLY  
5 INSTALLED SEATS; AND

6 (3) REGULARLY PRESENTS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

7 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, A HOLDER  
8 MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

9 (1) FOR 2 HOURS BEFORE THE ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS;

10 (2) DURING THE ENTERTAINMENT; AND

11 (3) FOR 1 HOUR AFTER THE ENTERTAINMENT ENDS.

12 (E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$500.

13 (F) A SPECIAL THEATER (ON-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE MAY  
14 NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE LOCATION OF ORIGINAL  
15 ISSUANCE.

16 ~~(G) THE POPULATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF~~  
17 ~~THE BOARD DO NOT APPLY TO A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 June 1, 2002.