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By: **Senator Harris**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer, Wine and Liquor**  
3 **Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a certain occupancy requirement for Class D beer,  
5 wine and liquor licenses in Baltimore County does not apply to certain  
6 descendants of a licensee whose license was issued before a certain date; and  
7 generally relating to Class D beer, wine and liquor licenses in Baltimore County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 6-401(a)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 6-401(e)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 6-401.

22 (a) (1) A Class D beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license  
23 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. It authorizes  
24 the holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the place  
25 described in it, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. A license may not be  
26 issued for any drugstore.

27 (e) (1) This subsection applies only in Baltimore County.

1           (2)       The annual license fee is \$1,000.

2           (3)       The area of the licensed premises normally used for the preparation  
3 and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises may occupy no less than 80  
4 percent of the square foot area. These occupancy requirements do not apply to or  
5 affect any present licensee having this license prior to December 31, 1966 OR A  
6 DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THAT LICENSEE.

7       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2005.