

HOUSE BILL 1243

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By: **Chair, Baltimore County Delegation (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2011

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore County Executive and County Council of**
3 **Baltimore County – License Fees**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain alcoholic beverages license fees in Baltimore
5 County; authorizing the Baltimore County Executive and the County Council of
6 Baltimore County to establish alcoholic beverages license fees within Baltimore
7 County; and generally relating to the Baltimore County Executive and the
8 County Council of Baltimore County regulating alcoholic beverages license fees
9 within Baltimore County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

12 Section 4–201(a)(2), 5–101(a)(1), 5–201(a)(1), 5–301(a)(1), 5–401(a)(1),
13 6–101(a)(1), 6–201(a)(1), 6–301(a)(1), 6–401(a)(1), 6–702(b), 7–101(b)(1)(i)
14 and (d)(1)(i), 8–204(c), 8–204.1(c), 8–304(a), 8–404(a)(1), 8–404.1(a), (b),
15 and (c) and 8–802(a)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

19 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

20 Section 5–101(e), 5–201(e)(1), 5–301(e), 5–401(e)(1), 6–101(e), 6–201(e)(2),
21 6–301(e), 6–401(e)(2), 6–702(g), 7–101(b)(4) and (d)(4)(i), 8–204(e),
22 8–204.1(e), 8–304(d), 8–404(a)(5), 8–404.1(d), 8–601, and 8–802(d)

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

25 BY adding to

26 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

27 Section 4–201(b)(8) and 18–105

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

5 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

6 4–201.

7 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

8 (2) Baltimore County;

9 (b) **(8) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE FEE FOR THIS LICENSE SHALL**
10 **BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18–105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

11 5–101.

12 (a) (1) A Class A beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
13 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of
14 the license may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail, in any quantity to
15 any consumers, at the place described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer
16 and light wines in a sealed package or container, which package or container may not
17 be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

18 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee [is \$100] **SHALL BE**
19 **ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18–105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

20 5–201.

21 (a) (1) A Class B beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
22 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder
23 may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail at any hotel or restaurant, at
24 the place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

25 (e) (1) In Baltimore County the annual license fee [is \$150] **SHALL BE**
26 **ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18–105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

27 5–301.

28 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer
29 and light wine license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in
30 which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may keep for sale and
31 sell beer and light wines at retail to bona fide members and their guests, at any club,
32 at the place described in the license, for consumption on the premises only.

1 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee [is \$35] SHALL BE
2 ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 5-401.

4 (a) (1) A Class D beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
5 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license
6 authorizes its holder to keep for sale and to sell beer and light wines at retail, at the
7 place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. The
8 license may not be issued for any drugstore.

9 (e) (1) In Baltimore County the annual license fee [is \$100] SHALL BE
10 ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

11 6-101.

12 (a) (1) A Class A beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the
13 license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The
14 license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell all alcoholic beverages at
15 retail, in any quantity, at the place described in the license. The licensee shall deliver
16 the alcoholic beverages in a sealed package or container and the package or container
17 may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

18 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee [is \$600] SHALL BE
19 ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

20 6-201.

21 (a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the
22 license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located, and
23 the license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at
24 retail at any hotel or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the
25 premises or elsewhere, or as provided in this section.

26 (e) (2) The annual fee for a license [is \$1,000] SHALL BE ESTABLISHED
27 AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

28 6-301.

29 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer,
30 wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in
31 which the place of business is located. It authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell
32 all alcoholic beverages at retail at any club, at the place described in the license, for
33 consumption on the premises only.

34 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee [is \$500] SHALL BE
35 ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 6-401.

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

7 (e) (2) The annual license fee [is \$1,000] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS**
8 **PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

9 6-702.

10 (b) In this section “caterer” means a Class B or Class D on-sale beer, wine
11 and liquor licensee who contracts to provide food and sell alcoholic beverages to
12 sponsors of public or private events held off the premises.

13 (g) The annual license fee for the special off-sale license privilege [is \$500]
14 **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL**
15 **BE** in addition to the annual fee for the Class B or Class D on-sale beer, wine and
16 liquor license.

17 7-101.

18 (b) (1) (i) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, a special Class C
19 beer license or a special Class C beer and wine license entitles the holder to exercise
20 any of the privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses for the use of any
21 person holding any bona fide entertainment conducted by any club, society or
22 association at the place described in the license, for a period not exceeding seven
23 consecutive days from the effective date thereof.

24 (4) In Baltimore County the fee [is \$10 per day, except that for any
25 bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans’, hospital or charitable organization,
26 the fee is \$5] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS**
27 **ARTICLE.**

28 (d) (1) (i) A special Class C beer, wine and liquor license entitles the
29 holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by this class of license for the use of
30 any person holding a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or
31 association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days,
32 upon the payment of a fee of \$15 per day.

33 (4) (i) In Baltimore County:

34 1. The fee for this license [is \$25 per day, except that for
35 any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans’, hospital or charitable

1 organization, the fee for this license is \$15] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED**
2 **IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE;** and

3 2. The holder of a special 7-day Class C beer, wine and
4 liquor license may purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.

5 8-204.

6 (c) There is a 7-day Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and
7 liquor license. This license may only be issued for the use of restaurants that:

8 (1) Meet the definition requirements of “restaurant” established under
9 the regulations of the Board of License Commissioners;

10 (2) Have a minimum seating capacity of 150 persons for dining;

11 (3) Have a cocktail lounge or bar area seating capacity not exceeding
12 25 percent of the seating capacity for dining;

13 (4) Have parking facilities to accommodate a minimum of 75 vehicles;
14 and

15 (5) Have a minimum capital investment of \$800,000 by the applicant
16 exclusive of the cost of the land and buildings.

17 (e) The annual license fee is [\$1,000] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS**
18 **PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

19 8-204.1.

20 (c) The Board may issue a special theater (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor
21 license for use in a theater if the theater:

22 (1) Is housed within a building;

23 (2) Has a capacity to hold a minimum of 1,500 permanently installed
24 seats; and

25 (3) Regularly presents live entertainment.

26 (e) The annual license fee [is \$1,000] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS**
27 **PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

28 8-304.

29 (a) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue a
30 special wine festival license.

1 (d) The license fee [is \$15] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN §**
2 **18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

3 8-404.

4 (a) (1) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue
5 a WS (wine sampling) permit to bona fide nonprofit organizations.

6 (5) The permit fee [is \$15 per day] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS**
7 **PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

8 8-404.1.

9 (a) This section applies in Baltimore County.

10 (b) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class BWT beer and
11 light wine (on-premises) tasting license to the holder of a Class A beer and light wine
12 license.

13 (c) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class BWLT beer, wine
14 and liquor (on-premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine and liquor
15 license.

16 (d) (1) The fees for a Class BWT and Class BWLT license [are as follows:

17 (i) \$20 for a daily tasting license, which may be issued not more
18 than 12 times in any annual license year;

19 (ii) \$200 annually for a 26-day tasting license, which may be
20 used consecutively or nonconsecutively;

21 (iii) \$300 annually for a 52-day tasting license, which may be
22 used consecutively or nonconsecutively; and

23 (iv) \$400 annually for a 104-day tasting license, which may be
24 used consecutively or nonconsecutively] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN §**
25 **18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

26 (2) The fees for a Class BWT license and Class BWLT license are in
27 addition to the Class A annual license fee.

28 8-601.

29 (a) In Baltimore County the owner or owners of any regular licensed racing
30 establishment, or the concessionaire or catering organization at such place, whether
31 an individual, association or corporation, shall without additional residential, voting

1 or locative qualifications be entitled to procure a license for the sale of beer and light
2 wine within the confines of its racing park in said county[, at a cost for such license of
3 \$25.00 per day]; and shall be entitled to procure a license for the sale of beer, wine and
4 liquor within the confines of its racing park in said county[, at a cost for such license of
5 \$50.00 per day,] and shall entitle the holder to sell at one or more locations within its
6 said park. Such licenses and the licensees thereunder shall be subject to all laws, rules
7 and regulations applicable in Baltimore County to the sale of alcoholic beverages, not
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

9 **(B) THE FEES FOR A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE**
10 **ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN § 18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

11 **[(b)] (C)** The provisions of this section are not restricted by the provisions in
12 subsection (b) of § 12-107 of this article.

13 8-802.

14 (a) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue a
15 special beer festival license.

16 (d) The license fee [is \$15] **SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED IN §**
17 **18-105 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

18 **18-105.**

19 **THE BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF**
20 **BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL REGULATE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE**
21 **FEES WITHIN BALTIMORE COUNTY.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2011.