

Chapter 182

(Senate Bill 129)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class H–CC (Corporate Club/Conference Center) License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class H–CC (corporate club/conference center) license in Harford County; authorizing the Liquor Control Board to issue the license for an establishment that meets certain requirements; requiring that a corporate dining room in a licensed establishment meets certain requirements; authorizing a holder of the license to engage in certain activities; specifying a license fee; providing that not more than a certain number of licenses may be in effect at one time; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6–201(n)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6–201.

(n) **(6) (I) THERE IS A CLASS H–CC (CORPORATE CLUB/CONFERENCE CENTER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

(II) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE THE CLASS H–CC LICENSE FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT WITH:

1. A BANQUET ROOM, CONFERENCE ROOM, OR MEETING ROOM THAT IS SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND EQUIPPED WITH FOOD PREPARATION FACILITIES; AND

2. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A CORPORATE DINING ROOM THAT IS RESERVED FOR MEMBERS OF A PRIVATE CLUB AND THEIR GUESTS.

(III) A CORPORATE DINING ROOM DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

- 1. SHALL BE EQUIPPED FOR THE SALE OF FOOD;**
- 2. MAY BE USED ONLY BY A PRIVATE CLUB OF AT LEAST 25 MEMBERS WHO PAY AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE; AND**
- 3. MAY NOT BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLUB.**

(IV) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS H-CC LICENSE MAY:

- 1. KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR DURING AN EVENT CONTRACTED WITH ANOTHER PERSON IN ANY OF THE ROOMS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND IN OTHER AREAS OF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD;**
- 2. HOLD MULTIPLE EVENTS IN THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT SIMULTANEOUSLY;**
- 3. CONTRACT TO PROVIDE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT AN EVENT HELD OFF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IF THE EVENT IS IN HARFORD COUNTY AND THE HOLDER ALSO CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE EVENT; AND**
- 4. MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN ONE SELF-SPONSORED EVENT PER YEAR IN THE BANQUET, CONFERENCE, OR MEETING ROOM.**

(V) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,000.

(VI) NOT MORE THAN SIX CLASS H-CC LICENSES MAY BE IN EFFECT AT A TIME.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.