

Chapter 591

(House Bill 1387)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Banquet Facility License

FOR the purpose of altering the Banquet Facility license in Frederick County by specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor; specifying that a certain requirement concerning minimum serving capacity may be met by persons who are inside the facility or outside on the premises; repealing the requirement that a facility be eligible for inclusion in a certain national register; altering a certain minimum capital investment requirement for licensees; authorizing a licensee to sell beer, wine, or liquor for off-premises consumption in collectible bottles under certain circumstances; and generally relating to banquet facility licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–201(l)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–201(l)(4)
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.

(l) (1) This subsection applies only in Frederick County.

(4) (i) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B–B.F. (Banquet Facility) beer, [light] wine and liquor on-sale license for a banquet facility that:

1. Accommodates the public for banquets, parties, meetings, and similar functions;

2. Contains a dining room with adequate facilities for preparing and serving full-course meals for at least 100 persons **WHO ARE INSIDE THE FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ON THE PREMISES** at one seating; **AND**

3. [Is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; and

4.] Has a capital investment of not less than **[\$500,000] \$250,000**, excluding the cost of the land, buildings, and leases.

(ii) The Class B–B.F. beer, [light] wine and liquor license authorizes the holder to keep for sale, and sell at retail, beer, [light] wine, and liquor by the drink or by the bottle for on–premises consumption only; provided that:

1. The beer, [light] wine, and liquor are only sold during the function;

2. [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE** licensee may not sell alcoholic beverages for off–premises consumption;

3. The licensee may not permit alcoholic beverages to be carried off the premises; and

4. Food is furnished at the function where the alcoholic beverages are provided.

(III) A LICENSEE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR FOR OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF THE BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR IS:

1. IN A COLLECTIBLE BOTTLE COMMEMORATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR EVENT; AND

2. SOLD NOT MORE THAN 30 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY OR EVENT.

[(iii)] **(IV)** The days and hours of sale under this license are as provided in § 11–511 of this article.

[(iv)] **(V)** The annual license fee for a Class B–B.F. license is \$1,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.