

Chapter 522

(Senate Bill 552)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – ~~Liquor Control Board~~ Class H-CC Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing in Harford County the Liquor Control Board to issue a 7-day Class D beer (on sale) license to the holder of a Class 5 brewery license; providing for an annual license fee; requiring the Liquor Control Board to decide the number of certain licenses to be issued and to adopt certain regulations; repealing *in Harford County* a certain restriction on the use of a corporate dining room in an establishment for which a certain Class H-CC (corporate club/conference center *alcoholic beverages*) license is issued; authorizing the holder of a Class H-CC license to keep for sale and sell beer, wine, and liquor in certain other rooms and areas and to hold certain additional events; authorizing liquor to be consumed throughout the premises for which a stadium license has been issued; authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served in aluminum containers during a baseball game; repealing a certain restriction on the dispensing of beer and wine during a baseball game; removing the County from a list of counties requiring a certain certificate to be filed for license applications; authorizing the Board and general manager to appoint additional inspectors to provide appropriate control over all newly created licensees; and generally relating to the Liquor Control Board and Class H-CC alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8 – 213.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6 – 201(n)(6), 8 – 213.1(e), 10 – 103(b)(18), and 15 – 112(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 3 – 401(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 3-401(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6-201(n)(6), 8-213.1(e), 10-103(b)(18), and 15-112(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8-213.1(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)~~

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

~~3-401.~~

~~[(n) This section does not apply in Harford County.]~~

~~(N) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HARFORD COUNTY.~~

~~(2) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE A 7-DAY CLASS D BEER (ON-SALE) LICENSE TO THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE.~~

~~(3) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.~~

~~(4) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD SHALL:~~

~~(i) DECIDE THE NUMBER OF CLASS D LICENSES TO BE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND~~

~~(ii) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.~~

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; **AND**

2. May be used **[only]** by a private club of at least 25 members who pay an annual membership fee $[\text{; and}]$

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]** **AND** liquor during an event contracted with another person in **[any]**:

A. **ANY** of the rooms described in subparagraph (ii) **OR (III)** of this paragraph; and **[in other]**

B. **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]** **FOUR** self-sponsored **[event]** **EVENTS** 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.~~

~~§ 213.1.~~

~~(a) This section applies only in Harford County.~~

~~(e) The following limitations shall apply:~~

~~(1) All individuals serving beer, wine, or liquor shall hold valid certificates from an alcohol awareness program approved by the Liquor Control Board;~~

~~(2) During a baseball game, liquor [may]:~~

~~(I) MAY only be served on the club level or dining area in which patrons [are] MAY BE seated; BUT~~

~~(II) MAY BE CONSUMED THROUGHOUT THE PREMISES;~~

~~(3) During a baseball game, alcoholic beverages must be served in a plastic, styrofoam, ALUMINUM, or paper container, except that a glass container may be used on the club level [or dining area in which patrons are seated]; and~~

~~(4) [(i) Except on the club level or dining area in which patrons are seated, all beer and wine dispensed during a baseball game shall be dispensed only from a stationary structure, located within the stadium, equipped with a motor vehicle driver's license scanner; and~~

~~(ii)] No roving vendors shall be allowed to dispense beer, wine, or liquor.~~

~~10-103.~~

~~(b) (18) (i) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, stating the length of time each has been acquainted with the applicant, or in the case of a corporation with the individuals making the application; that they have examined the application of the applicant and that they have good reason to believe that all the statements contained in this application are true, and that they are of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license. The certificate must have a statement that the signers of it are familiar with the premises upon which the proposed business is to be conducted, and that they believe the premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of a retail dealer in alcoholic beverages.~~

~~(ii) In St. Mary's County, persons who are owners of real estate within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought and registered voters of St. Mary's County shall be those persons signing the certificate.~~

~~(iii) The certificate required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is not necessary for applications filed in Dorchester County, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, [and] Baltimore County, AND HARFORD COUNTY.~~

~~15-112.~~

~~(n) (1) This subsection applies only in Harford County.~~

~~(2) In addition to any inspector who is serving prior to July 1, 1979, the Board and general manager may appoint additional inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created [Class A off-sale] licensees.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.