

Chapter 179

(Senate Bill 502)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event Licenses and Promoter’s License

FOR the purpose of authorizing an applicant in Frederick County to purchase a certain single–day alcoholic beverages license or multiday alcoholic beverages license; specifying the maximum number of days for which licenses may be issued to a single applicant in a calendar year; specifying the fees for certain single–day licenses and multiday licenses; establishing a promoter’s license in the County; requiring a for–profit organization to obtain a promoter’s license from the Board of License Commissioners before the organization may conduct certain activities related to events at which alcoholic beverages are sold or served and that are held in conjunction with a certain organization; providing for certain license fees; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 7–101(b)(7) and (d)(8)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 7–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

7–101.

(b) (7) (I) **THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.**

(II) **AN APPLICANT MAY PURCHASE:**

1. A SINGLE–DAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER LICENSE OR BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR EACH DAY A LICENSE IS REQUIRED; OR

2. A MULTIDAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER LICENSE OR BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR ALL DAYS FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS REQUIRED.

(III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH LICENSES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE ISSUED TO A SINGLE APPLICANT MAY NOT EXCEED 50 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

(IV) [In Frederick County the] THE fee is \$10 per day FOR:

1. A SINGLE-DAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER LICENSE OR BEER AND WINE LICENSE; OR

2. A MULTIDAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER OR BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(d) (8) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

(II) AN APPLICANT MAY PURCHASE:

1. A SINGLE-DAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR EACH DAY A LICENSE IS REQUIRED; OR

2. A MULTIDAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ALL DAYS FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS REQUIRED.

(III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH LICENSES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE ISSUED TO A SINGLE APPLICANT MAY NOT EXCEED 50 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

(IV) [In Frederick County the] THE fee is \$30 per day FOR:

1. A SINGLE-DAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE; OR

2. A MULTIDAY SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

7-102.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

(B) THERE IS A PROMOTER'S LICENSE.

(C) A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL OBTAIN A PROMOTER'S LICENSE FROM THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION MAY HELP PUBLICIZE, SELL TICKETS FOR, ORGANIZE, OPERATE, PRODUCE, OR STAGE AN EVENT:

(1) AT WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD OR SERVED; AND

(2) THAT IS CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT HOLDS A SPECIAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 7-101 OF THIS TITLE.

(D) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING AN EVENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS TO BE MET BY A HOLDER OF A PROMOTER'S LICENSE.

(E) THE FEE FOR A PROMOTOR'S LICENSE IS:

(1) \$250, IF THE PROMOTER EXPECTS THAT FEWER THAN 1,000 INDIVIDUALS WILL ATTEND;

(2) \$600, IF THE PROMOTER EXPECTS THAT FROM 1,001 TO 3,000 INDIVIDUALS WILL ATTEND; AND

(3) \$1,000, IF THE PROMOTER EXPECTS THAT MORE THAN 3,000 INDIVIDUALS WILL ATTEND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.