

Chapter 194

(Senate Bill 715)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Multiple Event License

FOR the purpose of requiring the holder of a certain special multiple event license in Garrett County to ensure that at least one individual who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served; authorizing the license holder to store certain alcoholic beverages between certain events under certain circumstances and conditions; requiring the license holder to keep certain records in a certain manner; authorizing certain personnel of the Comptroller's Office and the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County to inspect certain records in a certain manner; making a technical change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 7–101(p)
 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.

(p) (1) In Garrett County, there are 4 types of special Class C beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine and liquor licenses available, as follows:

- (i) A special 2–day Class C license for a fee of \$50;
- (ii) A special 6–day Class C license for a fee of \$150;
- (iii) A special 12–day Class C license for a fee of \$300; or
- (iv) A special multiple event Class C license under the following

conditions:

1. The Board of License Commissioners may issue a special multiple event license to an organization that otherwise qualifies for a special Class C license;

2. The annual fee for a special multiple event license is as follows:

- A. \$125 for up to 5 events per year;
- B. \$250 for up to 12 events per year;
- C. \$375 for up to 18 events per year; and
- D. \$500 for up to 24 events per year;

3. The Board may not issue more than 1 special multiple event license to an organization in a license year;

4. A special multiple event licensee shall notify the Board in writing at least 7 days before an event; and

5. The Board shall publish a notice for application for a special multiple event license one time at least 7 days before the hearing on the license.

(2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners may grant a license holder a privilege at no charge to sell for consumption off the licensed premises an alcoholic beverage authorized by the license if:

1. The alcoholic beverage is bottled in commemorative or special event bottles and sold at a special event;

2. The Board approves the commemorative or special event bottles before the event occurs; and

3. The alcoholic beverage will be sold at the event only on the days and hours allowed by the Board.

(ii) A holder of a license is entitled to be granted the privilege described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph if the license is a:

- 1. Special 2–day Class C license;
- 2. Special 6–day Class C license;
- 3. Special 12–day Class C license; or
- 4. Special [multi–event] **MULTIPLE EVENT** Class C license.

(3) THE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT CLASS C LICENSE IS ISSUED SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE SERVER WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM IS ON THE PREMISES WHEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED.

(4) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE WHO HAS AN APPROVED LICENSED PREMISES.

(II) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE STORED BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS ON THE LICENSED PREMISES OR IN A STORAGE AREA THAT THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS APPROVES IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

1. ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED LOCATION; AND

2. ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.

(III) 1. A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

2. THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

A. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

B. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AND THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

3. THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(IV) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AND THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF A LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 16-405 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.