

SENATE BILL 788

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Pub Crawl Promoter’s Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a pub crawl promoter’s permit in Baltimore City; authorizing
4 the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a pub crawl promoter’s
5 permit to a certain applicant who has submitted an application to the Board of
6 License Commissioners no less than a certain number of days before a certain date;
7 requiring an applicant to obtain a certain special event permit and provide a copy of
8 the special event permit to the Board of License Commissioners before being issued
9 the pub crawl promoter’s permit; requiring certain license holders to sign and date a
10 certain application and pay a certain fee; specifying that the permit authorizes the
11 holder to conduct a pub crawl; requiring a pub crawl to be held on certain premises;
12 specifying the duration of a permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners
13 to adopt certain regulations; specifying a certain application fee and permit fee;
14 establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to pub crawl promoter’s
15 permits in Baltimore City.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

18 Section 12–1101.1

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

22 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

23 Section 12–2801

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

27 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

28 Section 12–2802

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland

2 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

5 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

6 **12-1101.1.**

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PUB CRAWL” MEANS AN EVENT DURING WHICH AN
8 ORGANIZED GROUP OF AT LEAST THREE LICENSE HOLDERS UNDER THIS TITLE
9 WHOSE PREMISES ARE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER OFFER
10 DISCOUNTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING A SPECIFIED TIME TO A GROUP OF
11 PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVENT.

12 (B) THERE IS A PUB CRAWL PROMOTER’S PERMIT.

13 (C) A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL
14 OBTAIN THE PERMIT FROM THE BOARD BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION MAY
15 PUBLICIZE, SELL TICKETS FOR, ORGANIZE, OPERATE, PRODUCE, OR STAGE A PUB
16 CRAWL.

17 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
18 THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO AN APPLICANT WHO SUBMITS AN
19 APPLICATION TO THE BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE AT
20 LEAST 42 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE PUB CRAWL.

21 (2) BEFORE BEING ISSUED THE PERMIT, AN APPLICANT SHALL:

22 (I) OBTAIN A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FROM THE BALTIMORE
23 CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND

24 (II) PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO THE
25 BOARD.

26 (3) EACH LICENSE HOLDER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PUB CRAWL
27 SHALL:

28 (I) SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION; AND

29 (II) PAY TO THE BOARD A \$100 PARTICIPATION FEE.

1 **(E) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE PERMIT HOLDER TO CONDUCT A PUB**
2 **CRAWL.**

3 **(F) EACH PREMISES FOR WHICH A PUB CRAWL IS HELD SHALL BE:**

4 **(1) ISSUED A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE; AND**

5 **(2) LISTED ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT.**

6 **(G) THE PERMIT FOR EACH PUB CRAWL MAY BE IN EFFECT FOR THE TIME**
7 **STATED ON THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF**
8 **THIS SECTION.**

9 **(H) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING THE**
10 **REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING A PUB CRAWL, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY**
11 **STANDARDS TO BE MET BY THE PERMIT HOLDER.**

12 **(I) THE APPLICATION FEE IS \$50.**

13 **(J) THE PERMIT FEE IS \$250.**

14 12-2801.

15 Section 6-402 ("General penalty") of Division I of this article applies in the City.

16 12-2802.

17 (a) For a violation that is cause for suspension of a license, the Board may:

18 (1) except as provided in [subsection (b)] **SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C)** of
19 this section, for a first offense, impose a fine not exceeding \$500 or suspend the license or
20 both; or

21 (2) **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION**, for
22 each subsequent offense, impose a fine not exceeding \$3,000 or suspend the license or both.

23 (b) For a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age
24 of 21 years, the Board may impose a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or suspend the license or
25 both.

26 **(C) FOR THE OFFENSE OF PUBLICIZING, SELLING TICKETS FOR,**
27 **ORGANIZING, OPERATING, PRODUCING, OR STAGING A PUB CRAWL WITHOUT**
28 **OBTAINING A PUB CRAWL PROMOTER'S PERMIT AS REQUIRED UNDER § 12-1101.1**
29 **OF THIS TITLE, THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 AND**
30 **NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR BOTH.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2016.