Chapter 763

(House Bill 1396)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain restriction on the person to whom the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County may issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
    Article – Alcoholic Beverages
    Section 13–102
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Alcoholic Beverages
    Section 13–902
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

13–102.

    This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13–902.

    (a)   There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

    (b)   [The Board may issue the license to the owner of a hotel that:

        (1)   is in a building at least three stories tall that was originally constructed for hotel purposes;

        (2)   has a capital investment of at least $500,000; and

        (3)   contains:

(i)   at least one passenger elevator;

(ii)   at least 100 rooms for the accommodation of the public; and

(iii)   a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals for at least 125 individuals at one seating.

(c)**]**   (1)   The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at a hotel or restaurant at the place described in the license, for on– or off–premises consumption.

(2)   The area of the licensed premises normally used as a restaurant to prepare and consume food and beverages may occupy not less than 80% of the square footage, unless the license holder has held the license since before December 31, 1966.

[(d)**] (C)**   The annual license fee is $1,500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2018.