

Chapter 537

(Senate Bill 519)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A-7 License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class A-7 beer, wine, and liquor license; establishing that the license authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption 7 days a week during certain hours; providing that license holders who hold a certain class of license are eligible to exchange that license for a Class A-7 license *under certain circumstances; specifying that in a certain legislative district a Class B-D-7 license may be exchanged for a Class A-7 license only under certain circumstances*; providing that a Class A-7 license can be issued only until a certain date; establishing an annual license fee for a Class A-7 license; ~~authorizing the Board to issue a Class B-WLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A-7 license only in a certain location; providing that the issuance, transfer, or renewal of a Class A-7 license is complete without certain zoning approval or verification; making certain technical changes;~~ and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12-102 ~~and 12-1308(b)~~
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12-902.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12-1308(a) and (c) and 12-1407(a)
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

12-102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12-902.1.

(A) **THERE IS A CLASS A-7 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

(B) **THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE, FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

(C) (1) **SUBJECT TO ~~PARAGRAPH (2)~~ PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LICENSE HOLDER WHO HOLDS A VALID CLASS B-D-7 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, MAY APPLY TO THE BOARD TO EXCHANGE THE LICENSE FOR A CLASS A-7 LICENSE IF THE LICENSE HOLDER FIRST OBTAINS APPROVAL BY RESOLUTION OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL.**

(2) **THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A CLASS A-7 LICENSE AFTER JULY 1, 2020.**

(3) **IN THE 46TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, A CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR A CLASS A-7 LICENSE ONLY IF THE CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE WAS ISSUED FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT OPERATING IN A PLANNED USE DEVELOPMENT.**

(D) **A HOLDER OF A CLASS A-7 LICENSE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.**

(E) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.**

~~12-1308.~~

~~(a) This section applies in:~~

~~(1) ward 27, precincts 42 and 44 of the 41st legislative district of the City;~~

~~(2) ward 27, precincts 41 and 48 of the 43rd legislative district of the City;~~

~~(3) ward 12, precinct 3 of the 43rd legislative district of the City;~~

~~(4) ward 11, precinct 5 of the 44th legislative district of the City; [and]~~

~~(5) the 3000 block of Frederick Avenue in ward 20, precinct 9 of the 44A legislative district of the City, based on the Legislative Districting Plan of 2012; AND~~

~~(6) THE 46TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY.~~

~~(b) There is a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license.~~

~~(c) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a:~~

~~(1) Class A beer, wine, and liquor license ONLY IN A LOCATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SECTION; OR~~

~~(2) CLASS A 7 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ONLY IN THE 46TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY.~~

~~12-1407.~~

~~(a) (1) The Board or the Board's designee shall examine each application for the issuance or transfer of a license within 45 days of receipt of the application to determine whether the application is complete.~~

~~(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, an application for the issuance, transfer, or renewal is not complete unless the applicant has:~~

~~(i) obtained zoning approval or verification of zoning if the application is for renewal;~~

~~(ii) submitted all documents required in the application; and~~

~~(iii) paid all fines and fees that are due.~~

~~(3) (I) An application for the issuance, transfer, or renewal of a Class B-D 7 license that may be issued under § 12-1603(e)(6) of this title in the Old Goucher Revitalization District under § 12-1603(e) of this title is complete without an applicant obtaining zoning approval or verification of zoning.~~

~~(II) AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE, TRANSFER, OR RENEWAL OF A CLASS A 7 LICENSE THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER § 12-902.1 OF THIS TITLE IS COMPLETE WITHOUT AN APPLICANT OBTAINING ZONING APPROVAL OR VERIFICATION OF ZONING.~~

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.