

SENATE BILL 679

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF HB 880

By: **Senator Edwards**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County,
4 for a certain licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages
5 licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to reimburse holders of
6 certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual license fee;
7 requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period, to waive the entire amount of the
8 annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses and to impose a reduced amount
9 of the annual fee for certain other alcoholic beverages licenses; making this Act an
10 emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
11 to alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That, notwithstanding any other law:

14 (a) For the 2020–2021 licensing period, the Board of License Commissioners for
15 Allegany County may reimburse each license holder in the county:

16 (1) the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license
17 issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on–premises
18 consumption only; and

19 (2) an amount equal to one–half of the annual fee for any alcoholic
20 beverages license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages
21 for both on– and off–premises consumption.

22 (b) For the 2021–2022 licensing period:

23 (1) the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County shall waive
24 the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license issued by the county
25 that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption only; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County may only
2 impose an amount equal to one-half of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license
3 issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for both on- and
4 off-premises consumption.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
6 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
7 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
8 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
9 enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023,
10 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
11 of no further force and effect.