
By: Cecil County Delegation

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(Special and Temporary Licenses)**

4 FOR the purpose of permitting, in Cecil County, department heads, with the verbal
5 consensus of the Board of License Commissioners, to undertake certain actions;
6 repealing the requirement for a certain publication prior to the granting of a special
7 temporary alcoholic beverages license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
8 in Cecil County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 7-101(l)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

17 7-101.

18 (1) (1) This subsection applies only in Cecil County.

19 (2) In this subsection "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners.

20 (3) (i) Upon approval of an application on a form prescribed by the
21 Board, signed and sworn to, the Board, OR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WITH THE
22 VERBAL CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD, may grant special licenses of any class, except
23 manufacturer's and wholesaler's. The licensee may exercise any of the privileges
24 conferred by the respective classes of licenses at any bona fide entertainment held or
25 conducted by any club, society, or association at the place described in the license, upon
26 the payment of the following fees:

27 1. A beer or beer and light wine license - \$10 per day; or

28 2. A beer, wine and liquor license - \$20 per day.

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1 (ii) The fee shall be paid to the Board for the use of the County before
2 the license is issued.

3 (iii) This special license may not be granted to any organization more
4 than four times in any year, nor may the total number of days authorized by special
5 licenses for any organization exceed four in a calendar year.

6 (4) [Before the Board approves an application for a license, it shall cause a
7 notice of the application to be published one time in one newspaper of general circulation
8 in the County. The notice shall specify the:

9 (i) Name of the applicant;

10 (ii) Kind of license applied for;

11 (iii) Location of the place proposed to be licensed; and

12 (iv) Time and place fixed by the Board for a hearing upon the
13 application which may not be less than seven, nor more than 30 days after the last
14 publication. The notice of application for license by way of renewal in any calendar year
15 need not be published if the original publication specified the number of times the license
16 was to be used.] THE BOARD OR DEPARTMENT HEAD MAY NOT REQUIRE THE
17 PUBLICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC
18 BEVERAGES LICENSE AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE GRANTING OF SUCH A LICENSE.

19 (5) (i) The Board, OR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WITH THE VERBAL
20 CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD, may grant a special Class T license. The license shall be in
21 the form prescribed by the Board. The applicant shall sign and swear to the license. The
22 Class T license permits the holder to conduct wine tasting parties and demonstrations.

23 (ii) The fee is \$25 per day and shall be paid prior to the issuance of
24 this license.

25 (iii) This license may not be issued to any person more than four times
26 in any calendar year. The total number of days authorized by the Class T license for any
27 person may not exceed four in a calendar year.

28 (6) (i) The Board, OR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WITH THE VERBAL
29 CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD, may grant special licenses of any class, except
30 manufacturer's and wholesaler's, which entitle the holder to exercise any of the privileges
31 conferred by the respective classes of licenses at any bona fide entertainment held or
32 conducted by any Cecil County fire department. The license shall be in the form
33 prescribed by the Board, and the applicant shall sign the license.

34 (ii) The fee shall be paid before a license is issued and is:

35 1. For any beer or beer and light wine license - \$120 per year;

36 or

37 2. For any beer, wine and liquor license - \$240 per year.

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1 (iii) This special license may not be granted to any fire department
2 more than one time in any year. The total number of days authorized by this special
3 license may not exceed 24 in any calendar year.

4 (iv) The notice and hearing provisions, as required in paragraph (4) of
5 this subsection, shall only apply the first time any fire department applies for this license;
6 thereafter, this license shall be issued upon approval of the application by the Board.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1996.