

By: Washington County Delegation

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(License Fees and Fines)**

4 FOR the purpose of granting the Washington County Board of License Commissioners
5 authority to impose or alter certain fees and to both fine and suspend the license of
6 certain licensees; clarifying language and structure; making this Act an emergency
7 measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in WashingtonCounty.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 6-301(w), 10-503(w), and 16-507(w)(1) and (2)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 6-301.

17 (w) (1) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

18 (2) The annual license fee is:

19 (I) \$500 FOR CLUBS WITH LESS THAN 600 MEMBERS (INCLUDING
20 SOCIAL MEMBERS); AND

21 (II) \$1,000 FOR CLUBS WITH 600 OR MORE MEMBERS (INCLUDING
22 SOCIAL MEMBERS).

23 (3) (i) There is a special Class C golf and country club license. Upon the
24 approval by the Board of License Commissioners, it shall be issued to any golf and
25 country club in the County which:

26 1. Has 200 or more bona fide members paying dues of not less
27 than \$30 per annum per member, whether or not the club is operated for profit; and

28 2. Maintains a regular or championship golf course of 9 holes or
29 more.

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1 (ii) 1. The licensee may keep for sale and sell at retail any alcoholic
2 beverages to bona fide members of the club and their guests at the place described in the
3 license.

4 2. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only on the premises
5 and grounds of the club.

6 3. The annual license fee for a golf and country club license is
7 \$1,000 for the license year commencing in May of each year.

8 4. The application for a license filed on behalf of any such golf
9 and country club shall be signed by 3 officers of the club.

10 5. A golf and country club license shall be subject to all the
11 provisions of this article and shall include all of the privileges and restrictions applicable
12 thereunder to Class C license holders in Washington County.

13 10-503.

14 (w) (1) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

15 (2) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE
16 COMMISSIONERS.

17 (3) The Board may not transfer an alcoholic beverages license until the
18 transferor has paid all County taxes that are due and owed under the license and has
19 certified by affidavit to the Board that no County taxes are due and owed.

20 (4) UPON TRANSFER OF A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A FEE
21 OF:

22 (I) \$400 EACH TIME THE LICENSE IS TRANSFERRED; AND

23 (II) \$100 EACH TIME THE TRANSFER IS ADVERTISED.

24 16-507.

25 (w) (1) The Board of License Commissioners of Washington County may
26 [either] suspend [or], impose a fine, OR BOTH on any licensee who violates the
27 provisions of this article.

28 (2) Money [paid in lieu of suspension] shall be paid to the Board.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
30 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
31 been passed by a yeas and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected
32 to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it
33 is enacted.