

**By: Washington County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

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).

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

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

6 2. Maintains a regular or championship golf course of 9 holes or  
7 more.

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

11 2. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only on the premises  
12 and grounds of the club.

13 3. The annual license fee for a golf and country club license is  
14 \$1,000 for the license year commencing in May of each year.

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

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

20 10-503.

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

22 (2) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
23 COMMISSIONERS.

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

27 (4) UPON TRANSFER OF A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A FEE  
28 OF:

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

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

31 16-507.

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

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

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
37 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has

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- 1 been passed by a yeas and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all themembers elected
- 2 to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it
- 3 is enacted.