
By: Prince George's County Delegation

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(Multiple Class BLX Licenses)**
4 **PG 306-97**

5 FOR the purpose of removing the restriction in Prince George's County on the number of
6 Class BLX licenses permitted and permitting the issuance of an unlimited number;
7 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 6-201(r)(6)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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 6-201.

17 (r) (6) (i) There is a Class BLX license, which is a special Class B license.

18 (ii) The annual license fee is \$2,500.

19 (iii) 1. Class BLX licenses may be issued only to luxury type
20 restaurants, a term which shall be defined by the regulations of the Board.

21 2. The restaurant shall have a minimum capital investment of
22 \$800,000 for dining room facilities and kitchen equipment, which sum may not include the
23 cost of land, buildings or a lease.

24 3. The restaurant shall have a minimum seating capacity of 100
25 persons.

26 4. The Board has complete discretion as to whom these licenses
27 may be issued, the number to be issued, and whether an existing license holder of an
28 alcoholic beverages license may also have an interest in one Class BLX license.

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1 5. An individual or corporation may hold [not more than 4]
2 AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF Class BLX licenses.

3 6. This license is limited and restricted to the purpose of
4 providing alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises only, with no
5 off-sale privileges to be exercised.

6 7. The residency requirements specified in § 9-101 of this
7 article as it pertains to Prince George's County do not apply to Class BLX licenses.

8 (iv) If the requirements under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph are
9 satisfied, the Board of License Commissioners may issue or transfer one Class BLX
10 license on behalf of any of the following:

11 1. Prince George's County;

12 2. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
13 Commission; or

14 3. A private concessionaire under contract with either:

15 A. Prince George's County; or

16 B. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
17 Commission.

18 (v) If a license is issued under subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the
19 profit realized from the sale of alcoholic beverages under this license may be for the use
20 and benefit of Prince George's County, the Maryland-National Capital Park and
21 Planning Commission, or a concessionaire under contract as provided under
22 subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1997.