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CHAPTER ____

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~~ altering the restriction in Prince George's County on the
6 number of Class BLX licenses permitted and permitting the issuance of ~~an~~
7 ~~unlimited number~~ a certain number under certain circumstances; and generally
8 relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 6-201(r)(6)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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 6-201.

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

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

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

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

4 3. The restaurant shall have a minimum seating capacity of 100
5 persons.

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

9 5. ~~AN~~ SUBJECT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPHS 6, 7, AND 8 OF THIS
10 SUBSECTION, AN individual or corporation may hold ~~+~~ not more than ~~4-6 + AN~~
11 ~~UNLIMITED NUMBER OF~~ Class BLX licenses.

12 6. A LICENSE HOLDER MAY BE ISSUED A FIFTH BLX LICENSE
13 ONLY IF THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A FIFTH LICENSE IS AT LEAST 1 YEAR
14 AFTER THE DATE THE LICENSE HOLDER WAS ISSUED THE FOURTH LICENSE.

15 7. A LICENSE HOLDER MAY BE ISSUED A SIXTH BLX LICENSE
16 ONLY IF THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A SIXTH LICENSE IS AT LEAST 1 YEAR
17 AFTER THE DATE THE LICENSE HOLDER WAS ISSUED THE FIFTH LICENSE.

18 8. IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO ISSUE A FIFTH OR SIXTH
19 BLX LICENSE TO A SINGLE LICENSE HOLDER, THE BOARD OF LICENSE
20 COMMISSIONERS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:

21 A. SHALL CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF LICENSED
22 ESTABLISHMENTS EXISTING IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SITE OF THE
23 PROPOSED LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT; AND

24 B. MAY ISSUE THE ADDITIONAL LICENSE ONLY IF THE
25 BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE PROPOSED LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT WILL
26 ENHANCE THE RECREATIONAL, BUSINESS, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE
27 AREA.

28 ~~6.~~ 9. This license is limited and restricted to the purpose of
29 providing alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises only, with no
30 off-sale privileges to be exercised.

31 ~~7.~~ 10. The residency requirements specified in § 9-101 of this
32 article as it pertains to Prince George's County do not apply to Class BLX licenses.

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

36 1. Prince George's County;

37 2. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
38 Commission; or

39 3. A private concessionaire under contract with either:

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1 A. Prince George's County; or

2 B. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning
3 Commission.

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

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