
By: **Delegates Eckardt, W. Baker, Schisler, Guns, and Walkup**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing by a certain amount the maximum percent of alcohol
4 by volume allowed in light wines in Caroline County; creating a certain caterer's
5 license; increasing the fees for certain licenses; establishing a 7-day Class D
6 license; altering the sale hours allowed for holders of a certain Class D (taverns)
7 license and allowing those holders to sell beer, wine and liquor on Sundays;
8 increasing the number of times a certain special license may be granted during
9 1 year; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Caroline County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 4-101(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 4-101(g), 6-401(g), 7-101(j), 11-303(d), and 11-403(b)(2)(vi)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
22 Section 6-701
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 4-101.

3 (a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented
4 beverage that contains not in excess of 14 percent of alcohol by volume unless another
5 percentage is listed.

6 (g) Caroline County -- 22 PERCENT.

7 6-401.

8 (g) (1) This subsection applies only in Caroline County.

9 (2) The annual license fee is \$1,250 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE.

10 (3) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,600 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

11 [(3)] (4) All alcoholic beverages sold under this license must be
12 consumed on the premises.

13 [(4)] (5) A licensee may sell beer, wine and liquor for consumption on the
14 premises only.

15 6-701.

16 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CAROLINE COUNTY.

17 (B) (1) THE CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY
18 ISSUE A CATERER'S LICENSE TO A LICENSEE WHO:

19 (I) HOLDS ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE
20 COUNTY;

21 (II) HOLDS A CATERER'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY HEALTH
22 DEPARTMENT; AND

23 (III) CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
24 TO SPONSORS OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENTS.

25 (2) THE CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL
26 SET THE LICENSE FEE FOR A CATERER'S LICENSE.

27 (C) A CATERER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE
28 HOLDER TO KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL OR PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE
29 PREMISES OF AND DURING THE CATERED EVENT.

30 (D) A HOLDER SHALL PROVIDE FOOD AS WELL AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
31 FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE CATERED EVENT.

1 (E) A HOLDER MAY EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A CATERER'S LICENSE
2 ONLY DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED FOR A CLASS B
3 RESTAURANT OR HOTEL (ON-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEE IN CAROLINE
4 COUNTY.

5 (F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A CLASS B RESTAURANT OR HOTEL
6 (ON-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEE TO HAVE A CATERER'S LICENSE FOR
7 CATERING ON THE PREMISES THAT IS COVERED BY THE EXISTING LICENSE.

8 7-101.

9 (j) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only in Caroline County.

10 (2) The Board of License Commissioners may grant special licenses of
11 any class, except manufacturer's and wholesaler's, which entitle the holder to exercise
12 any of the privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses at any bona fide
13 entertainment held or conducted by any club, society, or association.

14 (3) The license shall be in the form prescribed by the Board, and the
15 applicant shall sign and swear to the license.

16 (4) The [fees are:

17 (i) \$10 per day for any beer license;

18 (ii) \$15 per day for any beer and light wine license; or

19 (iii) \$20 per day for any beer, wine and liquor license] FEE FOR
20 EACH LICENSE IS \$50.

21 (5) Before a license is issued, the fee shall be paid to the Board for the
22 use of the County.

23 (6) A special license may not be granted to any organization more than
24 [6] 12 times in any calendar year.

25 11-303.

26 (d) (1) The hours during which the privileges conferred by a Class D beer,
27 wine and liquor license may be exercised are from 6 a.m. to midnight.

28 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section,
29 in Baltimore City the hours are from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

30 (3) In Baltimore County the hours are from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.

31 (4) In Caroline County the hours [are from 6 a.m.] ON Monday through
32 Saturday [until 1 a.m.] ARE FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. on the following day (including
33 Sunday) FOR A LICENSE HOLDER. FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE HOLDER THE HOURS ON
34 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY ARE FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY
35 (INCLUDING SATURDAY), AND ON SUNDAY, FROM 1 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

1 (5) In Queen Anne's County the hours on Monday through Saturday are
2 from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the following day.

3 (6) In Wicomico County the hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday
4 through Saturday. Where sales are permitted until 2 a.m., alcoholic beverages may
5 not be consumed after 2:30 a.m., at which time all tables and bar areas shall be
6 cleared of all alcoholic beverages.

7 11-403.

8 (b) (2) (vi) In Caroline County, on Sunday:

9 1. A Class A 7-day licensee may sell the alcoholic beverages
10 authorized under the license from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight, except that if the sale of
11 liquor is authorized under the license, liquor may only be sold from 1:00 p.m. to 12
12 midnight;

13 2. A Class C (clubs) beer, wine and liquor licensee may sell
14 beer and wine:

15 A. From 12 midnight to 2 a.m.; and

16 B. From 8 a.m. to 12 midnight;

17 3. A Class C (clubs) beer, wine and liquor licensee may sell
18 liquor:

19 A. From 12 midnight to 2 a.m.; and

20 B. From 1 p.m. to 12 midnight; and

21 4. A Class C (clubs) beer licensee may sell beer from 8 a.m. to
22 12 midnight; AND

23 5. A CLASS D (TAVERNS) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEE
24 MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FROM 1 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 1998.