
By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 1998

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Special Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Caterers**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing in Dorchester County the holder of a special Class C beer
4 license, a special Class C beer and wine license, or a special Class C beer, wine
5 and liquor license to have an event catered on the premises while the license is
6 effective; allowing the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to
7 issue special licenses of any class, except for classes of manufacturer's and
8 wholesaler's licenses, for events sponsored by certain organizations; specifying
9 the fees for the special licenses authorized by this Act; allowing the holder of a
10 special license of any class issued by the Board to have an event catered on the
11 premises while the license is effective; providing that a special license issued
12 under this Act shall be in the form provided by the Board; requiring a licensee to
13 sign the license; requiring the applicant to pay the fee before a license is issued;
14 and generally relating to special alcoholic beverages licenses and caterers in
15 Dorchester County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 7-101(b), (d), and (n)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

23 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

24 7-101.

25 (b) (1) (i) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, a special Class C beer
26 license or a special Class C beer and wine license entitles the holder to exercise any of
27 the privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses for the use of any person
28 holding any bona fide entertainment conducted by any club, society or association at
29 the place described in the license, for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days
30 from the effective date thereof.

- 1 (ii) The fee is \$5 per day.
- 2 (2) In Anne Arundel County the fee is \$10 per day.
- 3 (3) In Baltimore City the fee is \$15 per day.
- 4 (4) In Baltimore County the fee is \$10 per day, except that for any bona
5 fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital or charitable organization, the
6 fee is \$5.
- 7 (5) In Carroll County the fee is \$50 per day.
- 8 (6) In Dorchester County:
- 9 (I) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL CLASS C BEER LICENSE OR A SPECIAL
10 CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE MAY HAVE AN EVENT CATERED AT THE PLACE
11 DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE ON THE EFFECTIVE DAYS OF THE LICENSE; AND
- 12 (II) [the] THE fee is \$15 per day.
- 13 (7) In Frederick County the fee is \$10 per day.
- 14 (8) In Harford County the fee is \$10 per day.
- 15 (9) In Howard County the fee is \$15 per day.
- 16 (10) In Montgomery County the fee is \$15 per day.
- 17 (11) In Prince George's County:
- 18 (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this paragraph, the fee is \$25
19 per day;
- 20 (ii) For a club, society, or association holding a casino or gambling
21 event, the fee is \$100 per day, which shall be paid by the club, society, or association
22 and shall be considered as part of the club's, society's, or association's special license
23 fee; and
- 24 (iii) The Board of License Commissioners may deny an application
25 for this license if it is determined that the applicant does not qualify under the
26 provisions of this article.
- 27 (12) In Washington County:
- 28 (i) The fee for a special Class C beer license is \$15 per day; and
- 29 (ii) The fee for a special Class C beer and light wine license is \$25
30 per day.
- 31 (13) In Wicomico County the fee is \$20 per day.

1 (d) (1) (i) A special Class C beer, wine and liquor license entitles the
2 holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by this class of license for the use of
3 any person holding a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or
4 association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days,
5 upon the payment of a fee of \$15 per day.

6 (ii) The provisions of § 11-517 of this article do not apply to holders
7 of this license. Alcoholic beverages sold under this special license shall be purchased
8 by such special license holder from retail dealers.

9 (2) In Anne Arundel County:

10 (i) A special beer, wine and liquor license, Class C licensee may
11 purchase beer from a wholesaler.

12 (ii) The fee is \$25 per day.

13 (3) In Baltimore City:

14 (i) The holder of a Class C special beer, wine and liquor license
15 may purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.

16 (ii) The fee is \$30 per day.

17 (4) (i) In Baltimore County:

18 1. The fee for this license is \$25 per day, except that for any
19 bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital or charitable organization,
20 the fee for this license is \$15; and

21 2. The holder of a special 7-day Class C beer, wine and liquor
22 license may purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.

23 (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
24 holder of a special 7-day Class C beer, wine and liquor license may agree with the
25 holder of a wholesale license to deliver beer and wine on the effective days of the
26 license and accept returns on the same day of delivery.

27 (5) In Calvert County the fee for this license is \$25 per day, except that
28 for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital or charitable
29 organization, the fee for the license is \$15.

30 (6) In Carroll County the fee is \$30 per day.

31 (7) In Dorchester County:

32 (I) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C SPECIAL BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR
33 LICENSE MAY HAVE AN EVENT CATERED AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE
34 ON THE EFFECTIVE DAYS OF THE LICENSE; AND

35 (II) [the] THE fee is \$25 per day.

- 1 (8) In Frederick County the fee is \$30 per day.
- 2 (9) In Harford County the fee is \$20 per day.
- 3 (10) In Montgomery County the fee is \$30 per day.
- 4 (11) In Prince George's County:
- 5 (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this paragraph, the fee is \$50
6 per day;
- 7 (ii) For a club, society, or association holding a casino or gambling
8 event, the fee is \$150 per day, which shall be paid by the club, society, or association
9 and shall be considered as part of the club's, society's, or association's special license
10 fee; and
- 11 (iii) The Board of License Commissioners may deny an application
12 for this license if it is determined that the applicant does not qualify under the
13 provisions of this article.
- 14 (12) In Wicomico County the fee is \$35 per day.
- 15 (n) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.
- 16 (2) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY GRANT A SPECIAL
17 LICENSE OF ANY CLASS, EXCEPT FOR ANY MANUFACTURER'S OR WHOLESALER'S
18 CLASS OF LICENSES, THAT ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO EXERCISE ANY OF THE
19 PRIVILEGES CONFERRED BY THAT CLASS AT AN EVENT CONDUCTED BY A CLUB,
20 SOCIETY, ASSOCIATION, OR ORGANIZATION.
- 21 (3) A LICENSE SHALL BE IN THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD, AND
22 THE LICENSEE SHALL SIGN THE LICENSE.
- 23 (4) THE FEES ARE:
- 24 (I) \$15 PER DAY FOR A BEER LICENSE OR A BEER AND LIGHT WINE
25 LICENSE; AND
- 26 (II) \$25 PER DAY FOR A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.
- 27 (5) AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY THE FEE TO THE BOARD BEFORE A
28 LICENSE IS ISSUED.
- 29 (6) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY
30 HAVE AN EVENT CATERED AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE ON THE
31 EFFECTIVE DAYS OF THE LICENSE.
- 32 (7) The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners may not
33 require the publication of an application for a special temporary alcoholic beverages
34 license as a prerequisite to the granting of such a license.

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