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By: **Delegate Harkins**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Separate Outside Entrance**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement in Harford County that certain  
4 alcoholic beverages licensees must provide a separate outside entrance for  
5 off-sale customer use if a majority of the retail sales is not alcoholic beverages;  
6 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 6-101(n)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 6-101.

16 (n) (1) This subsection applies only in Harford County.

17 (2) The following licenses have the fees specified:

18 (i) The annual license fee for a 7-day Class A-1 off-sale beer, wine  
19 and liquor license is \$1,250.

20 (ii) The annual license fee for a 6-day (Monday through Saturday)  
21 Class A-2 off-sale beer, wine and liquor license is \$800.

22 (3) Any license issued under the provisions of this section shall be issued  
23 by the Liquor Control Board.

24 (4) Each license issued under this section is subject to:

25 (i) The regulations of the Board;

1 (ii) The provisions of this section; and

2 (iii) Section 5-101(n) of this article.

3 (5) Any licensee who holds a Class B beer, wine and liquor license under  
4 § 6-201(n) of this article or a Class B beer and wine license under § 5-201(n) of this  
5 article, and who has been granted an option to the existing license that allows for  
6 off-sale liquor is subject to § 6-201(n)(3) of this article.

7 (6) [A] IF A Class A-1 or Class A-2 licensee [shall provide a separate  
8 outside entrance for the use of off-sale customers if the majority of the retail sales are  
9 of items other than alcoholic beverages. Additionally, if the] IS A business THAT is  
10 predominately [one of other types] A TYPE of retail sales, such as drugs or groceries,  
11 the alcoholic beverages shall be displayed and purchased in an area separate and  
12 distinct from that of the other retail items. The Board may require partitions if  
13 deemed conducive to the intent of this paragraph.

14 (7) Any licensee having the off-sale option provided for in this section  
15 shall continually maintain a minimum stock of \$8,000 wholesale value in beer, wine,  
16 and liquor.

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