
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 - Class B/EDZ License**
3 **PG 306-99**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing in Prince George's County a Class B/Economic
5 Development Zone (B/EDZ) alcoholic beverages license; establishing an annual
6 license fee; establishing standards and procedures to determine whether a
7 premises qualifies for a license; authorizing the Prince George's County Council
8 or a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to establish at a certain
9 time requirements for licensure; limiting the effect of a Class B/EDZ license on
10 the privileges of other types of alcoholic beverages licenses; establishing the
11 number of licenses that a licensee may hold; excepting a Class B/EDZ licensee
12 from certain residency requirements; limiting a license to on-sale privileges;
13 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to limit the number of licenses
14 issued; authorizing in certain areas a Class B licensee to transfer the Class B
15 license to a location or person outside of the area; authorizing in a certain area
16 a Class B licensee to convert the license to a Class B/EDZ license; and generally
17 relating to Class B/EDZ licenses in Prince George's County.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
19 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
20 Section 6-201(r)(1)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
25 Section 6-201(r)(14)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 6-201.

3 (r) (1) (i) This subsection applies only in Prince George's County.

4 (ii) 1. In this subsection the following words have the meanings
5 indicated.

6 2. "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners.

7 3. "Restaurant" means any establishment:

8 A. Located in a permanent building with ample space and
9 accommodations commonly known as a restaurant where hot meals are habitually
10 prepared, sold and served to the public during the hours it is regularly open for
11 business;12 B. Having at least the minimum sanitary facilities required
13 for an establishment by the regulations of the county health department and shall
14 meet the minimum health requirements of these regulations;15 C. Having a dining area or areas with sufficient tables,
16 chairs or booths to comfortably seat and accommodate patrons;17 D. Equipped with a kitchen having complete facilities and
18 utensils for preparing hot and cold meals to the public;19 E. Employing a sufficient number of cooks, waiters or
20 waitresses to serve the number of patrons provided for in the dining area or areas;
21 and22 F. Maintaining and displaying a menu advertising the
23 serving of a variety of hot meals. There shall be on the premises at all times sufficient
24 food to fill orders made from the menu.

25 (14) (I) THERE IS A CLASS B/EDZ LICENSE.

26 (II) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,500.

27 (III) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL CLASS B BEER, WINE AND
28 LIQUOR (ON-SALE) LICENSE KNOWN AS A CLASS B/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE
29 LICENSE.30 (IV) 1. A CLASS B/EDZ LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A
31 RESTAURANT LOCATED IN AN AREA THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR THE
32 GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DESIGNATES AS AN ECONOMIC
33 DEVELOPMENT ZONE.34 2. THE RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR THE
35 GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT ESTABLISHES AN

1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE MAY ALSO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS THAT A
2 LICENSEE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MUST SATISFY, INCLUDING MINIMUM SEATING
3 CAPACITY AND LIMITATIONS ON ENTERTAINMENT.

4 (V) THE NUMBER OF CLASS B/EDZ LICENSES THAT A LICENSEE
5 HOLDS DOES NOT AFFECT A CLASS B LICENSE THAT THE LICENSEE HOLDS.

6 (VI) A LICENSEE MAY HOLD AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF CLASS
7 B/EDZ LICENSES.

8 (VII) THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN § 9-101(A)(3),
9 (D)(3), AND (D)(5)(I) OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY TO A CLASS B/EDZ LICENSE.

10 (VIII) A CLASS B/EDZ LICENSE IS RESTRICTED TO ON-SALE
11 PRIVILEGES.

12 (IX) THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF CLASS B/EDZ
13 LICENSES TO BE ISSUED.

14 (X) A CLASS B LICENSEE WITHIN AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
15 ZONE MAY:

16 1. TRANSFER THE CLASS B LICENSE TO A NEW LOCATION
17 OUTSIDE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE;

18 2. TRANSFER THE CLASS B LICENSE TO ANOTHER PERSON
19 OUTSIDE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE; OR

20 3. CONVERT THE CLASS B LICENSE TO A CLASS B/EDZ
21 LICENSE.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1999.