
By: **Senator Baker**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Golf Course Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Cecil County a certain golf course alcoholic beverages
4 license; establishing the terms and conditions for the golf course alcoholic
5 beverages license; excluding the golf course alcoholic beverages license from the
6 licenses to which certain restrictions on the aggregate number of licenses that
7 the Board of License Commissioners may issue apply; repealing certain
8 provisions authorizing the Board to issue a certain alcoholic beverages license to
9 certain organizations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Cecil
10 County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 8-208(a) and (b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 8-501.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 8-208.

25 (a) (1) In Cecil County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a
26 7-day beer, wine and liquor on-sale license to a club or organization.

27 (2) To qualify, the club or organization:

- 1 (i) Shall own real property in the County; and
- 2 (ii) 1. [If a golf and country club, shall have a golf course with a
3 minimum of 18 holes;
- 4 2.] If a yacht club, the club shall have a minimum of 150
5 members of which 50 members own yachts, boats, or other vessels; or
- 6 [3.] 2. If a local veterans' organization or a local fraternal or
7 sororal organization, the organization shall be associated with a national
8 organization.

9 (3) The license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine and liquor for
10 on-premises consumption only.

11 (4) (i) The annual fee for a profit club or organization is \$2,000; and

12 (ii) The annual fee for a nonprofit club or organization is \$500.

13 (b) The Board of License Commissioners may not issue in the aggregate a
14 number of alcoholic beverages licenses under the provisions of this subtitle which
15 exceeds more than one to every 400 registered voters in Cecil County, or major
16 fraction thereof, as determined by the current registration of voters. However, any
17 Class C club licenses issued therein, [and] the licenses provided for in subsection (i)
18 of this section, OR LICENSES PROVIDED FOR UNDER § 8-501.1 OF THIS ARTICLE may
19 not be counted in the computation of the aggregate number of alcoholic beverages
20 licenses. The quota shall be computed and applied separately for each of the several
21 election districts of Cecil County.

22 8-501.1.

23 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CECIL COUNTY.

24 (B) THERE IS A CLASS GC (GOLF COURSE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (ON-SALE)
25 LICENSE.

26 (C) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A CLASS GC
27 LICENSE FOR USE BY AN ORGANIZATION OR COUNTRY CLUB THAT:

28 (1) IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE;

29 (2) IS OPERATED FOR PROFIT;

30 (3) OWNS REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY; AND

31 (4) HAS A REGULAR OR CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE WITH A MINIMUM
32 OF 18 HOLES.

33 (D) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,000.

1 (E) A CLASS GC LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO SELL BEER, WINE,
2 AND LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY ON THE LAND AND IN THE BUILDINGS,
3 INCLUDING THE CLUBHOUSE, THAT ARE USED FOR GOLFING PURPOSES.

4 (F) A PATRON NEED NOT BE SEATED TO BE SERVED.

5 (G) A PROHIBITION ON THE DISTANCE THAT LICENSED PREMISES MUST BE
6 FROM A STRUCTURE USED AS A HOSPITAL, HOUSE OF WORSHIP, OR SCHOOL DOES
7 NOT APPLY TO A CLASS GC LICENSEE.

8 (H) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE ARE AS SPECIFIED FOR A CLASS C
9 LICENSEE UNDER § 11-508 OF THIS ARTICLE.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 June 1, 2000.