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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Caterer's License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing in Garrett County the Board of License  
4 Commissioners to issue a caterer's (CAT) license to persons who meet certain  
5 requirements; authorizing a license holder to keep for sale and sell or provide  
6 off-sale alcoholic beverages during a catered event; prohibiting a license holder  
7 from engaging in certain activities; setting certain requirements for the  
8 issuance or renewal of a license; specifying the fees for a license; authorizing a  
9 license holder to exercise certain privileges during certain times; requiring a  
10 holder to meet certain purchasing and contractual requirements; setting certain  
11 requirements for license holders to be met during and at the end of catered  
12 events; and generally relating to the issuance of caterer's licenses in Garrett  
13 County.

14 BY adding to  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 6-703.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 6-703.1.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "HOLDER" MEANS A HOLDER OF A CATERER'S (CAT)  
4 LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY.

5 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN GARRETT COUNTY.

6 (C) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY MAY  
7 ISSUE A CATERER'S (CAT) LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS  
8 OF THIS SECTION.

9 (D) (1) A CAT LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO KEEP FOR SALE AND  
10 SELL OR PROVIDE OFF-SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING A CATERED EVENT.

11 (2) A HOLDER MAY NOT:

12 (I) HOLD A SELF-SPONSORED CATERED EVENT; OR

13 (II) PROVIDE ONLY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CATERED EVENT.

14 (E) (1) BEFORE A CAT LICENSE IS ISSUED OR RENEWED, AN APPLICANT OR  
15 HOLDER:

16 (I) SHALL HAVE FACILITIES TO PREPARE FOOD AND DELIVER  
17 FOOD TO THE SITE OF CATERED EVENTS AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE FACILITIES  
18 FROM THE GARRETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND

19 (II) MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF  
20 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

21 (2) A HOLDER NEED NOT HAVE A BANQUET HALL.

22 (F) (1) THE ANNUAL CAT LICENSE FEE IS \$500.

23 (2) THE ISSUING FEE THAT IS CHARGED FOR EACH NEW CAT LICENSE IS  
24 \$500.

25 (G) A HOLDER MAY EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A CATERER'S LICENSE  
26 ONLY DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED FOR A CLASS B BEER,  
27 WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE IN GARRETT COUNTY.

28 (H) (1) A HOLDER SHALL:

29 (I) PURCHASE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM A WHOLESALER  
30 OR RETAILER LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN GARRETT COUNTY; AND

31 (II) CONTRACT FOR AND PROVIDE FOOD AS WELL AS ALCOHOLIC  
32 BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE CATERED EVENT.

1           (2)       DURING A CATERED EVENT, A HOLDER SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE  
2 INDIVIDUAL ON SITE WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS  
3 PROGRAM LICENSED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

4           (3)       AT THE END OF A CATERED EVENT, A HOLDER SHALL RETURN ALL  
5 CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE NOT EMPTY TO THE HOLDER'S  
6 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

7       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 2000.