
By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Regulation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the name of the Alcoholic Beverage Board of St. Mary's

4 County to be the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County; altering the

5 qualifications of a person signing a certain certificate attached to a new

6 alcoholic beverages license application in St. Mary's County to require the

7 person to be a registered voter of St. Mary's County; and generally relating to

8 the regulation of alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

11 Section 10-103(b)(18), 10-202(o)(2), 10-301(c-1)(2) and (r)(3), 12-219(b), and

12 15-102(a)(1)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18 10-103.

19 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, every new application for a
20 license shall be made to the board of license commissioners upon forms prescribed by
21 the Comptroller and sworn to by the applicant. Every application for a license shall
22 contain the following statements:

23 (18) (i) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who are owners of
24 real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be
25 conducted, stating the length of time each has been acquainted with the applicant, or
26 in the case of a corporation with the individuals making the application; that they
27 have examined the application of the applicant and that they have good reason to
28 believe that all the statements contained in this application are true, and that they
29 are of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license. The

1 certificate must have a statement that the signers of it are familiar with the premises
2 upon which the proposed business is to be conducted, and that they believe the
3 premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of a retail dealer in alcoholic
4 beverages.

5 (ii) In Baltimore County, persons who are owners of real estate and
6 registered voters of Baltimore County and who reside within 1 mile of the premises
7 for which a license is sought shall be those persons signing the certificate.

8 (iii) In St. Mary's County, persons [owning] WHO ARE OWNERS OF
9 real estate within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought AND
10 REGISTERED VOTERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY shall be [among] those persons signing
11 the certificate.

12 (iv) This certificate is not necessary for applications filed in
13 Dorchester County, Prince George's County, Montgomery County and Anne Arundel
14 County.

15 10-202.

16 (o) (2) An application for a license shall be disapproved and the license for
17 which application is made shall be refused if the [Alcoholic] ALCOHOL Beverage
18 Board of St. Mary's County determines that the applicant has been convicted of a
19 felony.

20 10-301.

21 (c-1) (2) In this section, "Board" means:

22 (i) In Prince George's County, the Prince George's County Board of
23 License Commissioners; or

24 (ii) In St. Mary's County, the [Alcoholic] ALCOHOL Beverage Board
25 of St. Mary's County.

26 (r) (3) Before a license expires, the licensee may renew it for an additional
27 term if the licensee applies for renewal to the Administrator of the [Alcoholic
28 Beverages] ALCOHOL BEVERAGE Board of St. Mary's County from February 1
29 through March 3, both inclusive.

30 12-219.

31 (b) The [Alcoholic] ALCOHOL Beverage Board of St. Mary's County may
32 regulate the playing time and noise level of a mechanical music box, live music, or a
33 sound making device on licensed premises if the sound disturbs the peace, tranquility,
34 safety, and health of the surrounding neighborhood.

1 15-102.

2 (a) (1) There is a Board of License Commissioners in St. Mary's County
3 known as the [Alcoholic] ALCOHOL Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2001.