
By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Washington County Board of License
4 Commissioners to issue a caterer's license to persons who meet certain
5 requirements; authorizing a license holder to keep for sale and sell or provide
6 alcoholic beverages during a catered event; prohibiting a license holder from
7 engaging in certain activities; setting certain requirements for the issuance or
8 renewal of a license; establishing an annual license fee; authorizing a license
9 holder to exercise certain privileges during certain times; requiring a holder to
10 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; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the issuance of
13 caterer's licenses in Washington County.

14 BY adding to
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 6-708.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 6-708.1.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "HOLDER" MEANS A HOLDER OF A CATERER'S LICENSE
24 ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

25 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

26 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CATERER'S LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO MEETS
27 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

1 (D) (1) A CATERER'S LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO KEEP FOR SALE
2 AND SELL OR PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING A CATERED EVENT.

3 (2) A HOLDER MAY NOT:

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

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

6 (E) (1) BEFORE THE BOARD ISSUES OR RENEWS A CATERER'S LICENSE, AN
7 APPLICANT OR HOLDER:

8 (I) SHALL HAVE FACILITIES TO PREPARE FOOD AND DELIVER
9 FOOD TO THE SITE OF CATERED EVENTS AND OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THE FACILITIES
10 FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH; AND

11 (II) MAY NOT HOLD ANY OTHER LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

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

13 (F) THE ANNUAL CATERER'S LICENSE FEE IS \$500.

14 (G) A HOLDER MAY EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A CATERER'S LICENSE
15 ONLY DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS FOR SALE THAT ARE AUTHORIZED FOR A CLASS
16 B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

17 (H) (1) A HOLDER SHALL:

18 (I) PURCHASE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM A WHOLESALER
19 OR RETAILER LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY;
20 AND

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

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

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 June 1, 2001.