

HOUSE BILL 808
EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B License Fees**
3 **MC 104-01**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing in Montgomery County certain Class B alcoholic
5 beverages license fees; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally
6 relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 6-201(q)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 6-201.

16 (q) (1) (i) This subsection applies only in Montgomery County.

17 (ii) 1. In this subsection the following words have the meanings
18 indicated.

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

20 3. "Dining area" means the area occupied by patrons for the
21 consumption of food and includes a cocktail area where food need not be served if
22 there is no separate outdoor entrance to the cocktail area.

23 (2) (i) 1. The Board may issue this license only to the owner of any
24 restaurant or hotel.

1 (v) 1. The annual license fee is [~~\$2,000~~] \$2,500.

2 2. For the third license that is not restricted by location and
3 is obtained by a licensee under § 9-102.1 of this article, the annual fee is \$5,000.

4 (3) (i) There is a special Class B license known as Class B-BWL
5 (H-M) which shall be issued only for hotels and motels that meet the minimum
6 requirements set forth in subsection (a)(3) of this section. All of the privileges and
7 restrictions provided for in paragraph (2) of this subsection are applicable to this
8 special Class B license except that the gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic
9 beverages may not exceed the gross receipts from the sale of food, and registered
10 guests may be served in their rooms. In any instance where there is more than one
11 licensed establishment within the hotel or motel, the foregoing sales ratio shall be
12 applicable only to one license and that shall be the one that provides the food and
13 beverage service to the conventions, banquets and other groups that utilize facilities
14 within the hotel or motel.

15 (ii) The annual license fee is [~~\$2,000~~] \$2,500.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
17 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,
18 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
19 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
20 the date it is enacted.