
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Transfers**
3 **PG 302-01**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying that in Prince George's County a transfer of an alcoholic
5 beverages license includes a change in the ownership of more than the
6 cumulative amount of a certain percentage of the stock in an establishment
7 since the establishment was issued a new license or was granted an existing
8 license by transfer; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
9 relating to the transfer of alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 9-217(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 9-217(h)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

23 9-217.

24 (a) (1) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

25 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A TRANSFER OF AN ALCOHOLIC
26 BEVERAGES LICENSE INCLUDES A CHANGE IN THE OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN THE
27 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF 50% OF THE STOCK IN AN ESTABLISHMENT SINCE THE

1 ESTABLISHMENT WAS ISSUED A NEW LICENSE OR WAS GRANTED AN EXISTING
2 LICENSE BY TRANSFER.

3 (h) An alcoholic beverage license with an off-sale privilege of any class, except
4 by way of renewal, may not be transferred or issued to any business establishment of
5 the type commonly known as chain stores, supermarkets, discount houses or their
6 franchisors and franchisees or concessionaires. However, those establishments
7 holding an alcoholic beverage license at the time of enactment of this section may
8 continue to hold such license, and may, at the discretion of the Board of License
9 Commissioners, change the classification of their license.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
11 construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect
12 on or application to any alcoholic beverages license transfer before the effective date
13 of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2001.