
By: **Harford County Senators**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Caterers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing persons who are licensed as caterers in Harford
4 County to provide food and alcoholic beverages for their own events on their own
5 premises; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to licensed
6 caterers in Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 6-704(a) and (b)
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 6-704.

16 (a) (1) This section applies only in Harford County.

17 (2) The annual license fee is \$750, which shall be paid to the Board
18 before the license is issued and which shall be distributed as provided.

19 (3) In this section, "caterer" means an establishment that:

20 (I) [owns] OWNS or leases 1 or more banquet rooms suitable for
21 public gatherings, with food preparation facilities on the premises[.]; AND

22 (II) [which] PROVIDES FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ITS
23 OWN EVENTS OR contracts to provide food and alcoholic beverages to sponsors of
24 public or private events.

25 (b) (1) A Class H beer, wine and liquor license may be issued upon the
26 approval of the Liquor Control Board and authorizes the owner or operator of a

1 catering establishment to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the
2 premises described therein for consumption on the premises during the catered event.

3 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 12-107 of this article or any
4 other contrary provision of this article, a caterer licensed under this section also may
5 contract with patrons to permit them to bring personal alcoholic beverages onto the
6 premises of the caterer for consumption at catered events.

7 (3) A caterer licensed under this section may:

8 (I) PROVIDE FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ITS OWN
9 EVENTS ON ITS OWN PREMISES; OR

10 (II) [contract] CONTRACT to provide alcoholic beverages at events
11 held off the premises, provided that:

12 [(i)] 1. The caterer contracts to provide food, as well as alcoholic
13 beverages, for consumption at the catered event; and

14 [(ii)] 2. The event is held in Harford County.

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