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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BLX Licenses**  
3 **Ho. Co. 19-05**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the limit on the number of Class BLX (luxury  
5 restaurant) licenses that may be issued in Howard County; adding clarifying  
6 language; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard  
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 8-214  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 8-214.

17 (a) There is a Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor  
18 license IN HOWARD COUNTY. This license may only be issued for the use of a  
19 restaurant:

20 (1) In which there is a minimum capital investment of \$750,000 for  
21 restaurant facilities, exclusive of the cost of land and buildings;

1 (2) The construction of which commenced on or after July 1, 1992; and

2 (3) That has a minimum seating capacity of 125 persons.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of § 9-102(a) of this article, a Class BLX  
4 (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license may be issued to an  
5 applicant that already holds a valid Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license or  
6 a valid Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license.

7 (c) A Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license  
8 may be issued to an applicant that does not hold any other liquor license.

9 (d) The annual fee for a Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine  
10 and liquor license is \$2,000.00.

11 [(e) The maximum number of BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and  
12 liquor licenses available for issuance is 6.]

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 June 1, 2005.