
By: **Senator Giannetti**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Additional Licensed**
3 **Premises near Metrorail Stations**

4 FOR the purpose of adding an area within a certain distance of a metrorail station in
5 Prince George's County to the list of areas in which certain individuals and
6 entities may hold or have an interest in additional Class B beer, wine and liquor
7 licenses; and generally relating to Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses in
8 Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 9-217(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 9-217(f)(5)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 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 9-217.

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

24 (f) (5) (i) This paragraph does not apply to a licensed premises located in
25 a chain store, supermarket, discount house, drug store, or convenience store.

26 (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Board of
27 License Commissioners may allow an individual, partnership, corporation,

1 unincorporated association, or limited liability company to hold or have an interest in
2 more than one Class B beer, wine and liquor license, if the restaurant for which the
3 license is sought is located within any of the following areas that are underserved by
4 restaurants:

5 1. Suitland business district, consisting of properties
6 fronting on or having access to Silver Hill Road between Suitland Parkway and
7 Sunset Lane, and on Suitland Road between Arnold Road and Eastern Lane;

8 2. Part of the Port Towns business district, consisting of
9 properties fronting on or having access to Rhode Island Avenue, Bladensburg Road,
10 Annapolis Road, or 38th Street, in legislative district 22; [or]

11 3. Largo area, consisting of properties within the area
12 bounded by the Capital Beltway (I-495) on the west, Central Avenue and Landover
13 Road on the south and southeast, Campus Way North on the east and Route 214 and
14 Landover Road on the north and northwest; OR

15 4. AN AREA WITHIN 2,000 FEET OF A METRORAIL STATION IN
16 THE COUNTY.

17 (iii) 1. Except as provided in sub-subparagraphs 2 and 3 of this
18 subparagraph, a license holder may not hold more than 4 Class B beer, wine and
19 liquor licenses within all of the underserved areas described in subparagraph (ii) of
20 this paragraph.

21 2. A license holder may be issued or transferred a fifth Class
22 B beer, wine and liquor license only if the date of the application for the fifth license
23 is at least 1 year after the date the license holder was issued or transferred the fourth
24 license.

25 3. A license holder may be issued or transferred a sixth Class
26 B beer, wine and liquor license only if the date of the application for the sixth license
27 is at least 1 year after the date the license holder was issued or transferred the fifth
28 license.

29 (iv) An individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated
30 association, or limited liability company that holds or has an interest in a license
31 located in an underserved area described in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph may
32 not hold or have an interest in more than one license located outside of all the
33 underserved areas.

34 (v) The annual license fee for a Class B license obtained under this
35 paragraph is \$2,500.

36 (vi) A Class B license obtained under this paragraph does not confer
37 off-sale privileges.

38 (vii) The residency requirements under § 9-101 of this title apply to
39 an applicant for a Class B license under this paragraph.

1 (viii) The limit on the maximum number of Class B beer, wine and
2 liquor licenses in the county under subsection (b) of this section applies to the
3 issuance of licenses under this paragraph.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2005.