
By: **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B (Inn) License and Class BFD**
3 **(Fine Dining) License**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain holders of a Class B (inn) license in Harford
5 County to sell beer and wine for consumption off the premises under certain
6 conditions; authorizing the Liquor Control Board of Harford County to issue a
7 special Class BFD (fine dining) on-sale beer, wine and liquor license; specifying
8 that the license authorizes the licensee to serve only full-course dinners a
9 certain minimum number of days a week; requiring that a restaurant with a
10 Class BFD license open for business not later than a certain time and comply
11 with certain requirements; providing certain annual fees; requiring the Liquor
12 Control Board to adopt certain rules; and generally relating to alcoholic
13 beverages licenses in Harford County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 1-102(a)(22)(iii) and 6-201(n)(7)(iv)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
21 Section 6-201(n)(1)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2005 Replacement Volume)

24 BY adding to

1 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
 2 Section 6-201(n)(9)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

7 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

8 1-102.

9 (a) (22) (iii) In Harford County a "restaurant" as used in § 5-201 AND §
 10 6-201(N)(9) of this article means a business establishment for the accommodation of
 11 the public, fully equipped with a proper and adequate dining room, tables, chairs and
 12 sufficient facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, as may be approved by
 13 the Liquor Control Board. The Board and Department of Health shall approve its
 14 sanitary facilities, running hot and cold water, equipment for the proper cleaning of
 15 dishes and kitchenware and adequate toilets. At all times there must be sufficient
 16 food on the premises for the regular serving of meals, with a proper sign or signs in
 17 front of the establishment designating "restaurant" or food and beverages sold, and
 18 not advertising any other business. In this establishment the average gross monthly
 19 receipts from the sale of foods cooked or prepared and served on the premises where
 20 the license is exercised, and other foods, commodities and items defined by the Liquor
 21 Control Board, shall exceed 50 percent of the average monthly receipts from the sale
 22 of beer and wine, except that a restaurant serving food and beverages whose gross
 23 monthly receipts from the sale of food averages \$1,500 or more may not be required to
 24 sell food and food commodities in excess of 50 percent of the average monthly receipts
 25 from the sale of beer and wine.

26 6-201.

27 (n) (1) This subsection applies only in Harford County.

28 (7) (iv) 1. The holder of a 7-day special Class B (inn) license may
 29 sell, only in conjunction with a meal, alcoholic beverages to guests for consumption on
 30 the premises during the days and hours established for a Class B on-sale beer, wine
 31 and liquor license for Harford County under this article.

32 2. THE HOLDER OF A CLASS B (INN) LICENSE ISSUED AFTER
 33 MARCH 6, 2006, MAY SELL BEER AND WINE FROM THE DINING ROOM TO GUESTS FOR
 34 CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES, IF THE HOLDER PREVIOUSLY HELD A CLASS B
 35 (RESTAURANT) LICENSE PERMITTING SALES OF BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION
 36 OFF THE PREMISES.

37 (9) (1) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL CLASS
 38 BFD (FINE DINING) ON-SALE BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

1 (II) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO SERVE ONLY
2 FULL-COURSE DINNERS AT LEAST 5 DAYS A WEEK .

3 (III) A RESTAURANT WITH A CLASS BFD LICENSE MUST OPEN FOR
4 BUSINESS NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. AND COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF §
5 1-102(A)(22)(III) OF THIS ARTICLE.

6 (IV) THE ANNUAL FEES ARE:

7 1. \$2,500 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE, MONDAY THROUGH
8 SATURDAY; AND

9 2. \$2,900 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

10 (V) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES TO CARRY
11 OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 June 1, 2006.