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By: **Harford County Senators**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BFD (Fine Dining) License**

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

13 Section 1-102(a)(22)(iii)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2005 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

18 Section 6-201(n)(1)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2005 Replacement Volume)

21 BY adding to

22 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

23 Section 6-201(n)(9)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2005 Replacement Volume)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 1-102.

3 (a) (22) (iii) In Harford County a "restaurant" as used in § 5-201 AND §  
4 6-201(N)(9) of this article means a business establishment for the accommodation of  
5 the public, fully equipped with a proper and adequate dining room, tables, chairs and  
6 sufficient facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, as may be approved by  
7 the Liquor Control Board. The Board and Department of Health shall approve its  
8 sanitary facilities, running hot and cold water, equipment for the proper cleaning of  
9 dishes and kitchenware and adequate toilets. At all times there must be sufficient  
10 food on the premises for the regular serving of meals, with a proper sign or signs in  
11 front of the establishment designating "restaurant" or food and beverages sold, and  
12 not advertising any other business. In this establishment the average gross monthly  
13 receipts from the sale of foods cooked or prepared and served on the premises where  
14 the license is exercised, and other foods, commodities and items defined by the Liquor  
15 Control Board, shall exceed 50 percent of the average monthly receipts from the sale  
16 of beer and wine, except that a restaurant serving food and beverages whose gross  
17 monthly receipts from the sale of food averages \$1,500 or more may not be required to  
18 sell food and food commodities in excess of 50 percent of the average monthly receipts  
19 from the sale of beer and wine.

20 6-201.

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

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

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

26 (III) A RESTAURANT WITH A CLASS BFD LICENSE MUST OPEN FOR  
27 BUSINESS NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. AND COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF §  
28 1-102(A)(22)(III) OF THIS ARTICLE.

29 (IV) THE ANNUAL FEES ARE:

30 1. \$2,500 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE, MONDAY THROUGH  
31 SATURDAY; AND

32 2. \$2,900 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

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

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