
By: **Senators Miller and Middleton**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County and Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - License for**
3 **Luxury-Type Restaurants**

4 FOR the purpose of creating in Calvert County a Class BLX license for luxury-type
5 restaurants; specifying the application process, license fee, qualifications, and
6 times meals may be served for a restaurant with a Class BLX license in Calvert
7 County; restricting the number of Class BLX licenses that may be issued and
8 the number of Class BLX licenses that may be held by one person in Calvert
9 County; providing that one Class BLX license may be used for several
10 restaurants under certain conditions in Calvert County; altering the provisions
11 for a Class BLX license in Charles County; altering a certain license fee and
12 minimum capital investment requirement for a restaurant with a Class BLX
13 license in Charles County; specifying the times meals may be served by a
14 restaurant with a Class BLX license in Charles County; restricting the number
15 of Class BLX licenses that may be issued and the number of Class BLX licenses
16 that may be held by one person in Charles County; providing that one Class
17 BLX license may be used for several restaurants under certain conditions in
18 Charles County; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
19 alcoholic beverages licenses in Calvert County and Charles County.

20 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
21 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
22 Section 6-201(f)(1) and (j)(1)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2005 Replacement Volume)

25 BY adding to
26 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
27 Section 6-201(f)(4)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland
29 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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31 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

1 Section 6-201(j)(4)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

6 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

7 6-201.

8 (f) (1) This subsection applies only in Calvert County.

9 (4) (I) THERE IS A CLASS BLX LICENSE FOR LUXURY-TYPE
10 RESTAURANTS.

11 (II) THE CLASS BLX LICENSE SHALL BE APPLIED FOR IN THE SAME
12 MANNER AS ARE OTHER CLASSES OF LICENSES.

13 (III) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.

14 (IV) A LUXURY-TYPE RESTAURANT SHALL BE DEFINED BY THE
15 COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD.

16 (V) TO QUALIFY FOR A CLASS BLX LICENSE, A RESTAURANT SHALL
17 HAVE:

18 1. A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE
19 DINING ROOM FACILITIES AND KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF
20 LAND, BUILDINGS, OR LEASES; AND

21 2. A SEATING CAPACITY OF AT LEAST 150 PERSONS.

22 (VI) A HOLDER OF A CLASS BLX LICENSE MAY SERVE MEALS ONLY
23 FROM 2 P.M. UNTIL THE LEGAL CLOSING HOUR.

24 (VII) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT ISSUE
25 MORE THAN 15 CLASS BLX LICENSES.

26 (VIII) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN THIS ARTICLE,
27 A PERSON MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN SIX CLASS BLX LICENSES.

28 (IX) A PERSON THAT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARENT CORPORATION, OR
29 OTHER ENTITY THAT OWNS SIX OR MORE RESTAURANT GROUPS THAT EACH HAVE
30 DISTINCT CUISINES AND THAT ARE DESIGNATED BY SEPARATE BRANDS OR
31 CONCEPTS MAY BE ISSUED ONE CLASS BLX LICENSE THAT MAY BE USED FOR ALL
32 THE RESTAURANTS IN A GROUP.

33 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Charles County.

1 (4) (i) There is in addition to the classes provided for, a special Class B
2 license known as a Class BLX, which is issued only to luxury-type restaurants.

3 (ii) The Class BLX license shall be applied for in the same manner
4 as are other classes of licenses.

5 (iii) The license fee is [~~\$2,400~~] \$1,500.

6 (iv) A luxury-type restaurant shall be defined by the Board of
7 [~~Liquor~~] License Commissioners.

8 (v) [~~The~~] TO QUALIFY FOR A CLASS BLX LICENSE A restaurant
9 [~~may not~~] SHALL have:

10 1. [~~Less than a~~] A minimum capital investment of
11 [~~\$550,000~~] \$1,000,000 for the dining room facilities and kitchen equipment, not
12 including the cost of land, buildings, or leases; and

13 2. A seating capacity of [~~less than~~] AT LEAST 150 persons.

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24 THE RESTAURANTS IN A GROUP.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2006.