

HOUSE BILL 483

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Advisory**
3 **Commission to Study Luxury Type Restaurants**

4 **PG 313-07**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type
6 Restaurants in Prince George's County; providing for the membership, chair,
7 compensation, staff, and duties of the Advisory Commission; requiring the
8 Advisory Commission to issue a certain report with recommendations by a
9 certain date to certain legislative delegations and the Prince George's County
10 Executive; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
11 the establishment of an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type
12 Restaurants in Prince George's County.

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, A restaurant in Prince George's County that qualifies as a luxury
15 type restaurant is entitled to be issued a Class BLX license by the Board of License
16 Commissioners for Prince George's County and may provide alcoholic beverages for
17 consumption on the licensed premises only; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, To qualify as a luxury type restaurant, a restaurant must have a
2 minimum seating capacity of 100 persons and a minimum capital investment of
3 \$800,000 for dining room facilities and kitchen equipment, excluding the cost of land,
4 buildings, or a lease; and

5 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds it beneficial to create an Advisory
6 Commission to study the demand in the County for luxury type restaurants, whether
7 more luxury type restaurants are needed, and how an increase in the number of
8 luxury type restaurants would affect existing premises licensed to sell alcoholic
9 beverages in the County; now, therefore,

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That:

12 (a) There is an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type Restaurants in
13 Prince George's County.

14 (b) The Advisory Commission consists of the following ~~11~~ 12 members:

15 (1) one member of the Prince George's County House delegation,
16 appointed by the chair of the delegation;

17 (2) one member of the Prince George's County Senate delegation,
18 appointed by the chair of the delegation;

19 (3) one representative of the Prince George's County Executive;

20 (4) one representative of the Prince George's County Municipal
21 Association;

22 (5) one representative of the Prince George's County Economic
23 Development Corporation;

24 (6) ~~one representative~~ three representatives of the restaurant
25 industry, appointed by the Prince George's County Executive;

26 (7) ~~four representatives~~ one representative of the retail alcoholic
27 beverages industry in the County, appointed by the Prince George's County Executive;
28 ~~and~~

29 (8) one representative of the Prince George's County Chamber of
30 Commerce, appointed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce;

1 (9) one representative of the Prince George's Black Chamber of
2 Commerce, appointed by the president of the Black Chamber of Commerce; and

3 (10) one member of the Board of License Commissioners for Prince
4 George's County, to be designated by the chair of the Board.

5 (c) The Advisory Commission shall designate a chair from among its
6 members.

7 (d) A member of the Advisory Commission:

8 (1) may not receive compensation as a member; but

9 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
10 State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

11 (e) The Advisory Commission shall study:

12 (1) the level of demand by residents and visitors in various parts of
13 Prince George's County for luxury type restaurants;

14 (2) whether more luxury type restaurants should be encouraged to
15 locate in certain parts of the County and, if so, ways that this might be done; and

16 (3) how an increase in the number of luxury type restaurants would
17 affect existing premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the County.

18 (f) The Board of License Commissioners shall provide staff for the Advisory
19 Commission.

20 (g) On or before September 1, 2008, the Advisory Commission shall submit a
21 report of its findings and recommendations to the Office of the County Executive and,
22 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Prince George's
23 County Senate and House delegations of the General Assembly.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31,
26 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.