

HOUSE BILL 1347

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By: **Queen Anne's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses - Board of License**
3 **Commissioners**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the fees of certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued in
5 Queen Anne's County; altering the annual compensation for the chairman and
6 members of the Board of License Commissioners; specifying that a certain
7 restriction applies to the distance between a licensed premises and a school,
8 place of worship, library, or youth center; and generally relating to alcoholic
9 beverages in Queen Anne's County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 3–101(a)(1), 3–201(a)(1), 3–301(a)(1), 3–401(a)(1), 5–101(a)(1),
13 5–201(a)(1), 5–401(a)(1), 6–201(a)(1), 6–301(a)(1), and 7–101(d)(1)(i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 3–101(s), 3–201(s), 3–301(s)(1), 3–401(s), 5–101(s), 5–201(s), 5–401(s),
19 6–201(s)(1) and (2), 6–301(s)(1) and (2), 7–101(b)(12) and (13) and (d)(12),
20 9–218(b), and 15–109(s)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

23 BY adding to
24 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
25 Section 7–101(b)(12) and (d)(12)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 3–101.

5 (a) (1) A Class A beer license shall be issued by the license issuing
6 authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the
7 license may keep for sale and sell beer at retail in any quantity to any consumers at
8 the place described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer in a sealed package
9 or container, which may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises
10 where sold.

11 (s) In Queen Anne’s County the annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] **\$500**.

12 3–201.

13 (a) (1) A Class B license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of
14 the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may keep
15 for sale and sell beer at retail at any hotel or restaurant at the place described in the
16 license for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

17 (s) In Queen Anne’s County the annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] **\$500**.

18 3–301.

19 (a) (1) A Class C beer license shall be issued by the local licensing
20 authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the
21 license may keep for sale and sell beer at retail to bona fide members and their guests,
22 at any club, at the place described in the license for consumption on the premises only.

23 (s) (1) In Queen Anne’s County the annual license fee is [~~\$50~~] **\$100**.

24 3–401.

25 (a) (1) A Class D beer license shall be issued by the license issuing
26 authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the
27 license may keep for sale and sell beer at retail at the place described in the license.
28 The beer may be consumed on the premises or elsewhere, but a license may not be
29 issued for any drugstore.

30 (s) In Queen Anne’s County the annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] **\$500**.

31 5–101.

1 (a) (1) A Class A beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
2 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of
3 the license may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail, in any quantity to
4 any consumers, at the place described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer
5 and light wines in a sealed package or container, which package or container may not
6 be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

7 (s) In Queen Anne's County the annual license fee is [~~\$500~~] **\$1,000**.
8 5-201.

9 (a) (1) A Class B beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
10 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder
11 may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail at any hotel or restaurant, at
12 the place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

13 (s) In Queen Anne's County the annual license fee is [~~\$500~~] **\$1,000**.
14 5-401.

15 (a) (1) A Class D beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
16 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license
17 authorizes its holder to keep for sale and to sell beer and light wines at retail, at the
18 place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. The
19 license may not be issued for any drugstore.

20 (s) In Queen Anne's County the annual license fee is [~~\$500~~] **\$1,000**.
21 6-201.

22 (a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the
23 license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located, and
24 the license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at
25 retail at any hotel or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the
26 premises or elsewhere, or as provided in this section.

27 (s) (1) This subsection applies only in Queen Anne's County.

28 (2) The annual license fee is [~~\$1,000~~] **\$1,500**.

29 6-301.

30 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer,
31 wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in
32 which the place of business is located. It authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell
33 all alcoholic beverages at retail at any club, at the place described in the license, for
34 consumption on the premises only.

1 (s) (1) This subsection applies only in Queen Anne's County.

2 (2) The annual license fee is [~~\$500~~] **\$750**.

3 7-101.

4 (b) **(12) IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY:**

5 (I) **THE FEE FOR A SPECIAL CLASS C BEER LICENSE IS \$25**
6 **PER DAY; AND**

7 (II) **THE FEE FOR A SPECIAL CLASS C BEER AND LIGHT**
8 **WINE LICENSE IS \$50 PER DAY.**

9 [~~(12)~~] **(13)** In Washington County:

10 (i) The fee for a special Class C beer license is \$15 per day; and

11 (ii) The fee for a special Class C beer and light wine license is
12 \$25 per day.

13 [~~(13)~~] **(14)** In Wicomico County the fee is \$30 per day.

14 (d) (1) (i) A special Class C beer, wine and liquor license entitles the
15 holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by this class of license for the use of
16 any person holding a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or
17 association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days,
18 upon the payment of a fee of \$15 per day.

19 **(12) IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY THE FEE IS \$75 PER DAY.**

20 [~~(12)~~] **(13)** In Wicomico County the fee is \$45 per day.

21 9-218.

22 (b) (1) In Queen Anne's County, the distance restriction requirement
23 between an establishment proposed for licensure and a secondary or elementary
24 school, church or other place of worship, public library, or a youth center that is
25 sponsored or conducted by any governmental agency shall be:

26 (i) 500 feet; or

27 (ii) For a Class B (on-sale) hotel and restaurant beer, wine and
28 liquor license, 250 feet.

1 (2) Any distance restriction required under paragraph (1) of this
2 subsection shall be measured from the nearest point of the [building of the
3 establishment for which a license is proposed] **PROPOSED LICENSED PREMISES** to
4 the nearest point of the property line of the school, place of worship, library, or youth
5 center.

6 15-109.

7 (s) (1) In Queen Anne's County, the **ANNUAL** compensation for the Board
8 of License Commissioners shall be at the rate to be determined by the County
9 Commissioners.

10 (2) The rate may not be less than:

11 (i) [\$65 per meeting] **\$3,000** for the chairman; and

12 (ii) [\$60 per meeting] **\$2,500** for each regular member.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2008.