

HOUSE BILL 1527

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By: **Delegates Walker, Ross, and Vaughn**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Party Promoter’s License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a party promoter’s license issued by the Comptroller;
4 requiring that an individual obtain the license before the individual may
5 organize or conduct certain parties in the State; providing a license fee;
6 specifying that a licensee meet certain requirements; requiring the Comptroller
7 to adopt certain regulations; providing certain penalties; and generally relating
8 to party promoter’s licenses.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 21–107
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 **21–107.**

18 (A) **THERE IS A PARTY PROMOTER’S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE**
19 **COMPTROLLER.**

20 (B) **AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL OBTAIN A PARTY PROMOTER’S LICENSE**
21 **BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY ORGANIZE OR HOLD A PARTY IN THE STATE AT**
22 **WHICH:**

23 (1) **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE SERVED OR CONSUMED;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) AT LEAST 50 INDIVIDUALS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND; AND**

2 **(3) AN ADMISSION FEE IS TO BE CHARGED.**

3 **(C) AN APPLICANT FOR A PARTY PROMOTER'S LICENSE SHALL PAY TO**
4 **THE COMPTROLLER AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF \$500.**

5 **(D) FOR EACH PARTY, A HOLDER OF A PARTY PROMOTER'S LICENSE**
6 **SHALL:**

7 **(1) ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS COMPLETED**
8 **TRAINING IN AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM UNDER § 13-101 OF THIS**
9 **ARTICLE IS PRESENT DURING THE HOURS IN WHICH ALCOHOL IS SERVED OR**
10 **CONSUMED; AND**

11 **(2) PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR THE SAFETY OF**
12 **INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE BY EMPLOYING A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY**
13 **LICENSED UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND**
14 **PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.**

15 **(E) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT**
16 **THIS SECTION.**

17 **(F) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
18 **MISDEMEANOR AND IS SUBJECT TO:**

19 **(1) THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE PARTY**
20 **PROMOTER'S LICENSE; OR**

21 **(2) INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO LICENSE SUSPENSION OR**
22 **REVOCATION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2009.