

CHAPTER 365

(House Bill 46)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Multiple Event Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing in Caroline County an applicant to purchase special multiple event alcoholic beverages licenses; specifying certain license fees; prohibiting the total number of days for which special multiple event licenses may be issued to a single applicant from exceeding a certain number of days; requiring that fees for special multiple event licenses be paid in advance; prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners from issuing certain refunds under certain circumstances; providing for certain restrictions on the issuance of special multiple event licenses; requiring that a certain server be on the licensed premises whenever alcoholic beverages are served under the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 7–101(j)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 7–101(j)(7)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

7–101.

(j) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only in Caroline County.

(7) (I) **INSTEAD OF PURCHASING INDIVIDUAL EVENT LICENSES FOR A PARTICULAR CLASS OF LICENSE, AN APPLICANT MAY PURCHASE A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE FOR THE SAME CLASS OF LICENSE.**

(II) **FEES FOR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE ARE:**

1. ~~\$125~~ \$250 FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 EVENTS PER YEAR;
2. ~~\$250~~ \$500 FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 EVENTS PER YEAR;
3. ~~\$375~~ \$750 FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 EVENTS PER YEAR; AND
4. ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 FOR NOT MORE THAN 40 EVENTS PER YEAR.

(III) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSES MAY BE ISSUED TO A SINGLE APPLICANT MAY NOT EXCEED 40 DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR.

(IV) 1. THE APPLICANT SHALL PAY IN ADVANCE THE FEE FOR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

2. THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A REFUND IF THE HOLDER OF THE LICENSE IN A CALENDAR YEAR HOLDS FEWER THAN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT THE HOLDER IS ENTITLED TO CONDUCT.

(V) A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE SHALL BE ISSUED:

1. FOR ONE PREMISES ONLY; AND
2. SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, TO THE SAME APPLICANT FOR ALL EVENTS FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED, UNLESS THE BOARD IN WRITING APPROVES A SUBSTITUTE APPLICANT.

(VI) THE BOARD MAY HOLD A HEARING BEFORE APPROVING A SUBSTITUTE APPLICANT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (V)2 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(VII) A SERVER WHO IS CURRENTLY CERTIFIED AS HAVING COMPLETED AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM SHALL BE ON THE PREMISES FOR WHICH A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE IS ISSUED WHENEVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED UNDER THE LICENSE.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 7, 2009.