

Chapter 388

(House Bill 1274)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B–Stadium (Baseball Stadium) On–Sale Beer, Wine and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of altering a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer and light wine license in Charles County to be a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license; allowing a patron to consume and carry beer and wine anywhere on the premises of the baseball stadium; allowing a patron to consume liquor only in the enclosed stadium dining area or bar and prohibiting a patron from carrying liquor out of the enclosed stadium dining area or bar; authorizing the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the issuance of a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 6–201(j)(6)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6–201.

(j) (6) (i) There is a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) on–sale beer [and light], wine **AND LIQUOR** license.

(ii) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a 7–day Class B–Stadium license to:

1. The owner of any professional team franchise, whether the franchise is a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; or

2. A private concessionaire that is under contract with the County or a professional baseball team franchise.

(iii) A Class B–Stadium license authorizes the holder to sell beer [and light], wine, AND LIQUOR on the premises of a baseball stadium owned or operated by the County to individuals present at baseball games or other events held at the stadium.

(iv) Except as provided in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph, beer [and light], wine, AND LIQUOR shall be served in plastic, styrofoam, or paper containers on the stadium premises.

(v) Beer [or light], wine, AND LIQUOR may be served in glass containers in an enclosed stadium dining area in which patrons are seated.

(VI) A PATRON:

1. MAY CONSUME AND CARRY BEER AND WINE ANYWHERE ON THE STADIUM PREMISES; BUT

2. MAY CONSUME LIQUOR ONLY IN THE ENCLOSED STADIUM DINING AREA OR BAR; AND

3. MAY NOT CARRY LIQUOR OUT OF THE ENCLOSED STADIUM DINING AREA OR BAR.

~~(vi)~~ **(VII)** The annual fee for the Class B–Stadium license is \$2,200.

~~(vii)~~ **(VIII)** Except for a distributor of beer who is conducting business with a holder of a Class B–Stadium license for the purposes of this paragraph, the holder may not allow any individual to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

~~(viii)~~ **(IX)** THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS PARAGRAPH RELATING TO:

1. THE MANNER OF DISPENSING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;

2. THE NUMBER OF OUTLETS AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND

3. THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.