

SENATE BILL 527

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B Beer Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Garrett County a Class B beer license for certain
4 hotels, motels, inns, and restaurants; authorizing the Board of License
5 Commissioners to issue the license with or without a catering option; specifying
6 the privileges of certain licenses; requiring that to exercise the catering option,
7 a holder of a license meet certain requirements; specifying certain license fees;
8 authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to
9 Class B beer licenses in Garrett County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 3–201(m)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

18 3–201.

19 (m) **(1)** This [section does not apply] **SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY** in
20 Garrett County.

21 **(2) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A**
22 **CLASS B BEER LICENSE FOR USE IN:**

23 **(I) A BONA FIDE HOTEL, MOTEL, OR INN THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1. ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC;

2. PROVIDES SERVICES ORDINARILY FOUND IN
HOTELS, MOTELS, OR INNS;

3. IS EQUIPPED WITH AT LEAST 10 BEDROOMS FOR
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION; AND

4. HAS A LOBBY WITH A REGISTRATION AND MAIL
DESK AND SEATING FACILITIES; OR

(II) A RESTAURANT THAT:

1. HAS A SEATING CAPACITY AT TABLES, NOT
INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS, FOR AT LEAST 20 PERSONS; AND

2. CAN PREPARE AND SERVE FULL-COURSE MEALS
FOR AT LEAST 20 PERSONS AT ONE SEATING.

(3) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE THE
LICENSE WITH OR WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION.

(4) A HOLDER OF A LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION MAY
SELL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(5) (I) IN ADDITION TO EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES STATED
IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOLDER OF THE LICENSE WITH A
CATERING OPTION MAY KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION AT
EVENTS THAT THE HOLDER CATERS OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(II) TO EXERCISE THE CATERING OPTION, A HOLDER OF A
LICENSE:

1. SHALL PROVIDE FOOD IF THE HOLDER PROVIDES
BEER AT A CATERED EVENT OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

2. MAY EXERCISE THE CATERING OPTION ONLY
DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE LICENSE.

(6) FOR A LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION:

(I) THE ISSUING FEE IS \$150; AND

1 **(II) THE ANNUAL FEE IS \$150.**

2 **(7) FOR A LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION:**

3 **(I) THE ISSUING FEE IS \$250; AND**

4 **(II) THE ANNUAL FEE IS \$250.**

5 **(8) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT**
6 **REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2012.