

## **Chapter 683**

**(House Bill 1431)**

AN ACT concerning

### **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Towne Centre at Laurel**

**PG 320–13**

FOR the purpose of removing a certain location from a certain list of areas in Prince George's County that are underserved by restaurants; authorizing the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a certain number of Class B–DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within a certain location; and generally relating to the issuance of Class B–DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9–217(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9–217(f)(5) and (7)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

#### **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

9–217.

(a) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

(f) (5) (i) This paragraph does not apply to a restaurant located within a chain store, supermarket, discount house, drug store, or convenience store.

(ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the Board of License Commissioners may allow an individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company to hold or have an interest in

more than one Class B beer, wine and liquor license, if the restaurant for which the license is sought is located within:

1. Any of the following areas that are underserved by restaurants:

A. Suitland business district, consisting of properties fronting on or having access to Silver Hill Road between Suitland Parkway and Sunset Lane, and on Suitland Road between Arnold Road and Eastern Lane;

B. Part of the Port Towns business district, consisting of properties fronting on or having access to Rhode Island Avenue, Bladensburg Road, Annapolis Road, or 38th Street, in legislative district 22; **OR**

C. Largo area, consisting of properties within the area bounded by the Capital Beltway (I-495) on the west, Central Avenue and Landover Road on the south and southeast, Campus Way North on the east and Route 214 and Landover Road on the north and northwest; [or

D. Laurel Commons, consisting of the properties within the area bounded on the south by Cherry Lane, on the east by Baltimore Avenue (U.S. Route 1), on the west by 4th Street, and on the north by a line approximately 1,450 feet north of Cherry Hill Road between Baltimore Avenue (U.S. Route 1) and 4th Street;] or

2. A. A waterfront entertainment retail complex as defined by a county zoning ordinance; or

B. A commercial establishment on 100 or more acres that is designated by the County Executive as a recreational, destination, or entertainment attraction.

(iii) 1. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph 2 and 3 of this subparagraph, a license holder may not hold more than 4 Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses within all of the underserved areas described in subparagraph (ii)1 of this paragraph.

2. [A. This sub-subparagraph does not apply in Laurel Commons.

B.] A license holder may be issued or transferred a fifth Class B beer, wine and liquor license only if the date of the application for the fifth license is at least 1 year after the date the license holder was issued or transferred the fourth license.

3. [A. This sub-subparagraph does not apply in Laurel Commons.

B.] A license holder may be issued or transferred a sixth Class B beer, wine and liquor license only if the date of the application for the sixth license is at least 1 year after the date the license holder was issued or transferred the fifth license.

(iv) An individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company that holds or has an interest in a license located in an underserved area described in subparagraph (ii)1 of this paragraph may not hold or have an interest in more than one license located outside of all the underserved areas.

(v) An individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company may not hold or have an interest in more than one license in a commercial establishment described in subparagraph (ii)2 of this paragraph.

(vi) The annual license fee for a Class B license obtained under this paragraph is \$2,500.

(vii) A Class B license obtained under this paragraph does not confer off-sale privileges.

(viii) The residency requirements under § 9-101 of this title apply to an applicant for a Class B license under this paragraph.

(ix) The limit on the maximum number of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses in the county under subsection (b) of this section applies to the issuance of licenses under this paragraph.

(7) Subject to § 6-201(r)(15) of this article, the Board of License Commissioners may issue:

(i) Up to four Class B-DD (Development District) licenses for restaurants located within the Capital Plaza commercial area, consisting of commercial properties within the area bounded by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the west and northwest, Maryland Route 450 on the south, and Cooper Lane on the east and northeast;

(ii) Up to four Class B-DD (Development District) licenses for restaurants located within the area of Greenbelt Station, located inside the Capital Beltway and adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro Station; [and]

(iii) Up to six Class B–DD (Development District) licenses may be issued to restaurants located within the area of Ritchie Station Marketplace; AND

**(IV) UP TO SIX CLASS B–DD (DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) LICENSES MAY BE ISSUED TO RESTAURANTS LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNE CENTRE AT LAUREL.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.**