

Chapter 604

(House Bill 18)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Refillable Container License

FOR the purpose of creating in Anne Arundel County a refillable container license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder of certain classes of alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board; specifying that a holder of the license may sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a certain refillable container; requiring a refillable container to meet certain requirements; requiring an applicant for the license to complete a certain form and pay a certain fee; requiring that certain applicants meet certain advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements; specifying the term of the license; specifying the hours of sale for the license; allowing a holder of the license to refill only a refillable container that was branded by ~~the~~ a license holder; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–202(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–202(l)
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

8–202.

- (a) This section applies only in Anne Arundel County.
- (b) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Board” means the Board of License Commissioners.

(3) “License” means a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages that is issued by the Board.

(L) (1) THERE IS A REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE.

(2) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A LICENSE, A CLASS B LICENSE, OR A CLASS D LICENSE.

(3) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL DRAFT BEER FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES IN A REFILLABLE CONTAINER WITH A CAPACITY OF NOT LESS THAN 32 OUNCES AND NOT MORE THAN ~~182~~ 128 OUNCES.

(4) TO BE USED AS A REFILLABLE CONTAINER UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CONTAINER SHALL:

(I) BE SEALABLE;

(II) BE BRANDED WITH AN IDENTIFYING MARK OF ~~THE~~ A LICENSE HOLDER;

(III) BEAR THE FEDERAL HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT REQUIRED FOR CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNDER 27 C.F.R. 16.21;

(IV) DISPLAY INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLEANING THE CONTAINER; AND

(V) BEAR A LABEL STATING THAT:

1. CLEANING THE CONTAINER IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSUMER; AND

2. THE CONTENTS OF THE CONTAINER ARE PERISHABLE AND SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND CONSUMED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER PURCHASE.

(5) BEFORE THE BOARD ISSUES A REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE:

(I) THE APPLICANT SHALL:

1. COMPLETE THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES; AND

2. PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF:

A. \$500 FOR AN APPLICANT WHOSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE DOES NOT HAVE AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE; OR

B. \$50 FOR AN APPLICANT WHOSE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE HAS AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE; AND

(II) AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A LICENSE WITHOUT AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE SHALL MEET THE SAME ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS AS THOSE FOR THE LICENSE THAT THE APPLICANT HOLDS.

(6) THE TERM OF A REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE ISSUED TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT IS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE LICENSE THAT THE APPLICANT HOLDS.

(7) THE HOURS OF SALE FOR A REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE:

(I) BEGIN AT THE SAME TIME AS THOSE FOR THE LICENSE ALREADY HELD BY THE PERSON TO WHOM THE REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE IS ISSUED; AND

(II) END AT MIDNIGHT.

(8) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY REFILL ONLY A REFILLABLE CONTAINER THAT WAS BRANDED BY ~~THE~~ A LICENSE HOLDER.

(9) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.