

HOUSE BILL 131

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2014

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – City of Takoma Park – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B**
3 **On- and Off-Sale License**

4 **MC 18-14**

5 FOR the purpose of continuing an off-sale privilege to the Class B beer and light wine
6 license issued for hotels and restaurants in the City of Takoma Park; and
7 generally relating to Class B beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant licenses
8 in the City of Takoma Park.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 8-216(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Chapter 390 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012
16 Section 2

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 8-216.

21 (d) (1) The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may
22 issue, renew, and transfer and otherwise provide for 8 classes of alcoholic beverages
23 licenses in the City of Takoma Park as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Class B (on- and off-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and
2 restaurant licenses;

3 (ii) Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine, hotel and restaurant
4 licenses;

5 (iii) Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor, hotel and restaurant
6 licenses;

7 (iv) Class H-TP (on-sale) beer license;

8 (v) Class D-TP (on- and off-sale) beer and light wine license;

9 (vi) Class A-TP (off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license;

10 (vii) Class C-TP (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license; and

11 (viii) Beer and wine sampling or tasting (BWST) licenses issued
12 under § 8-408.2 of this title.

13 (2) (i) The provisions of this paragraph apply only to
14 Class -TP type licenses.

15 (ii) The Prince George's County Board of License
16 Commissioners shall certify a list to the Montgomery County Board of License
17 Commissioners of the alcoholic beverages licenses as of June 30, 1997, in that portion
18 of the City of Takoma Park that became part of Montgomery County on July 1, 1997.

19 (iii) On July 1, 1997, the Montgomery County Board shall issue
20 Class -TP type licenses to those licensees who were certified by the Prince George's
21 County Board. License fees may not be charged until May 1, 1998.

22 (iv) Unless revoked or not renewed for good cause, the certified
23 licenses shall continue in existence and be renewed, subject to payment of the annual
24 license fee.

25 (v) The Class -TP type licenses are not transferable to other
26 locations but are transferable to other persons, subject to the restrictions on similar
27 transfers for other alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

28 (vi) Class -TP licenses are subject to the same conditions and
29 restrictions specified by law or by the Montgomery County Board of License
30 Commissioners as are other licenses issued by the Board. However, the Board may
31 waive whatever statutory and regulatory provisions it so chooses for the affected
32 licenses so that equity, fairness, and reasonableness are achieved.

1 (vii) The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human
2 Services may not charge an annual fee to the Class –TP licensees until January 1,
3 1998.

4 (3) (i) Notwithstanding that Class –TP licensees as of July 1, 1997
5 are subject to Montgomery County laws and regulations, those same licensees may
6 retain the particular Prince George’s County alcoholic beverages license they
7 possessed prior to unification.

8 (ii) The Prince George’s County license shall remain valid in
9 every sense except that it does not apply to the licensed premises to which the
10 Class –TP license applies, but is an open–location license. The Prince George’s County
11 licensee may transfer, to another person or to a new location with the same licensee,
12 the license into Prince George’s County without statutory or regulatory restriction.

13 (iii) While the Class –TP licensee remains in the same location
14 where it was located on July 1, 1997, another license issued by Prince George’s County
15 may not be granted or transferred to another Prince George’s licensee if the premises
16 for which that license was issued is located within 300 feet of the premises licensed
17 under the Class –TP license.

18 **Chapter 390 of the Acts of 2012**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2012. [It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
21 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
22 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2014.