

Chapter 337

(Senate Bill 764)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Volunteer Fire Companies – Storage of Alcoholic Beverages

FOR the purpose of authorizing volunteer fire companies in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on licensed premises in between certain licensed events under certain circumstances; requiring a license holder to keep certain records of certain alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for a certain period of time; requiring that certain records be available for inspection by certain personnel; requiring certain records to include a certain inventory of certain alcoholic beverages; requiring certain personnel to be authorized to inspect the premises of a certain license holder ~~during a certain event and, with certain notice, on a certain day~~ as provided under a certain provision of law; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 7–101(j)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

7–101.

- (j) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only in Caroline County.
- (2) The Board of License Commissioners may grant special licenses of any class, except manufacturer's and wholesaler's, which entitle the holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses at any bona fide entertainment held or conducted by any club, society, or association.
- (3) The license shall be in the form prescribed by the Board, and the applicant shall sign and swear to the license.
- (4) The fee for each license is \$50.

(5) Before a license is issued, the fee shall be paid to the Board for the use of the county.

(6) A special license may not be granted to any organization more than 12 times in any calendar year.

(7) (i) Instead of purchasing individual event licenses for a particular class of license, an applicant may purchase a special multiple event license for the same class of license.

(ii) Fees for a special multiple event license are:

1. \$250 for not more than 10 events per year;
2. \$500 for not more than 20 events per year;
3. \$750 for not more than 30 events per year; and
4. \$1,000 for not more than 40 events per year.

(iii) The total number of days for which special multiple event licenses may be issued to a single applicant may not exceed 40 days per calendar year.

(iv) 1. The applicant shall pay in advance the fee for a special multiple event license.

2. The Board may not issue a refund if the holder of the license in a calendar year holds fewer than the number of events that the holder is entitled to conduct.

(v) A special multiple event license shall be issued:

1. For one premises only; and
2. Subject to subparagraph (vi) of this paragraph, to the same applicant for all events for which the license is issued, unless the Board in writing approves a substitute applicant.

(vi) The Board may hold a hearing before approving a substitute applicant under subparagraph (v)2 of this paragraph.

(vii) A server who is currently certified as having completed an alcohol awareness program shall be on the premises for which a special multiple event license is issued whenever alcoholic beverages are served under the license.

(8) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES.

(II) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE STORED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES IN BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

1. ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED LOCATION; AND

2. ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.

(III) 1. A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

2. THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

A. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

B. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AND THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

3. THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(IV) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AND THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF A LICENSE HOLDER:

~~1. DURING AN EVENT; AND~~

~~2. WITH APPROPRIATE NOTICE TO THE LICENSE HOLDER, ON A DAY WHEN THERE IS NOT AN EVENT AS PROVIDED UNDER § 16-405 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(V) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS PARAGRAPH IS SUBJECT TO:

1. FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100; AND

2. FOR THE SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.