

HOUSE BILL 523

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By: **Delegate Beitzel**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Multiple Event Class C Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring in Garrett County that a certain organization for which a
4 special multiple event Class C license is issued ensure that at least one individual
5 who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when
6 alcoholic beverages may be sold; authorizing a holder of a special multiple event
7 Class C license to store certain alcoholic beverages between certain events under
8 certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to keep certain records in a
9 certain manner; authorizing certain personnel of the Comptroller's Office and the
10 Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County to inspect certain records in a
11 certain manner; providing that a license holder who violates this Act is subject to
12 certain fines and denial of certain licenses; making a technical change; and generally
13 relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 7–101(p)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

22 7–101.

23 (p) (1) In Garrett County, there are 4 types of special Class C beer, beer and
24 wine, or beer, wine and liquor licenses available, as follows:

25 (i) A special 2–day Class C license for a fee of \$50;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) A special 6–day Class C license for a fee of \$150;
- 2 (iii) A special 12–day Class C license for a fee of \$300; or
- 3 (iv) A special multiple event Class C license under the following
4 conditions:
- 5 1. The Board of License Commissioners may issue a special
6 multiple event license to an organization that otherwise qualifies for a special Class C
7 license;
- 8 2. The annual fee for a special multiple event license is as
9 follows:
- 10 A. \$125 for up to 5 events per year;
- 11 B. \$250 for up to 12 events per year;
- 12 C. \$375 for up to 18 events per year; and
- 13 D. \$500 for up to 24 events per year;
- 14 3. The Board may not issue more than 1 special multiple
15 event license to an organization in a license year;
- 16 4. A special multiple event licensee shall notify the Board in
17 writing at least 7 days before an event; and
- 18 5. The Board shall publish a notice for application for a
19 special multiple event license one time at least 7 days before the hearing on the license.
- 20 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the Garrett
21 County Board of License Commissioners may grant a license holder a privilege at no charge
22 to sell for consumption off the licensed premises an alcoholic beverage authorized by the
23 license if:
- 24 1. The alcoholic beverage is bottled in commemorative or
25 special event bottles and sold at a special event;
- 26 2. The Board approves the commemorative or special event
27 bottles before the event occurs; and
- 28 3. The alcoholic beverage will be sold at the event only on the
29 days and hours allowed by the Board.

(ii) A holder of a license is entitled to be granted the privilege described under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph if the license is a:

1. Special 2–day Class C license;
2. Special 6–day Class C license;
3. Special 12–day Class C license; or
4. Special [multi–event] **MULTIPLE EVENT** Class C license.

(3) THE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT CLASS C LICENSE IS ISSUED SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE SERVER WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM IS ON THE PREMISES WHEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED.

(4) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY TO THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT CLASS C LICENSE WHO HAS AN APPROVED LICENSED PREMISES.

(II) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE STORED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN THE 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.

