A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Issuance of Class A Licenses

FOR the purpose of clarifying that, with a certain exception, not more than one license may be issued in a single jurisdiction to an individual; increasing, subject to certain conditions, the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in the State to an individual for a certain use; and generally relating to Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 4–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ___(S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

4–203.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in Division II of this article or Title 3, Title 4, or Title 5 of this division, more than one license may not be issued IN A SINGLE JURISDICTION:

(1) to an individual; or
(2) for the use of a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a limited liability company.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Division II of this article or Title 3, Title 4, or Title 5 of this division, an individual may not be issued in the State more than one [Class A,] Class C[, or Class D license for the use of:

(1) that individual; or

(2) a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a limited liability company.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an individual may not be issued in the State more than two Class A licenses for the use of:

(I) that individual; or

(II) a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a limited liability company.

(2) Not more than one Class A license may be issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection for an establishment that derives less than 85% of revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.