

Chapter 634

(House Bill 840)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Theater ~~License~~ and Entertainment Center License

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of a certain alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County so that it may be issued to all theaters that meet a certain seating requirement; altering the scope of a Class EC (entertainment center) license so that it may be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; making ~~a~~ certain technical ~~correction~~ corrections; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 20–1008, 20–1009, 20–1010, 20–1011, 20–1012, and 20–1013, respectively to be Section 20–1013, 20–1008, 20–1009, 20–1010, 20–1011, and 20–1012, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ~~(S.B. 724)~~ ~~(Ch. 1406)~~ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 20–1008 and 20–1013

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 20–1008, 20–1009, 20–1010, 20–1011, 20–1012, and 20–1013, respectively, of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 20–1013, 20–1008, 20–1009, 20–1010, 20–1011, and 20–1012, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages20–1008.

(a) There is a Class [MEC (micro-brewery/entertainment center)] EC (ENTERTAINMENT CENTER) license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a person for use in conjunction with:

(I) a Class 7 micro-brewery license that the person then obtains from the Comptroller; OR

(II) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE THAT THE PERSON HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE BOARD.

(c) (1) The EC license authorizes the license holder to sell, in an entertainment center for on-premises consumption[.]:

(I) malt beverages that are brewed in the license holder's micro-brewery, IF THE LICENSE HOLDER ALSO HOLDS A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE; OR

(II) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR, IF THE LICENSE HOLDER ALSO HOLDS A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(2) The entertainment center may:

(i) contain:

1. rides and games such as bowling lanes, billiard tables, and go-carts; and

2. one or more food service facilities, bars, or lounges; and

(ii) allow the playing of music and dancing.

(d) The [license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor] HOURS OF SALE ARE:

(1) on Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day;
and

(2) on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

(e) The annual EC license fee is \$1,500.

20-1013.

(a) There is a Class C [(Maryland Ensemble Theatre)] **(THEATER)** beer and wine license.

(b) (1) The president and two other officers of the [Maryland Ensemble Theatre] **THEATER** shall sign the application for the license.

(2) Two of the signers shall be residents of the County.

(c) The Board may issue a license for use by [the Maryland Ensemble Theatre] **A THEATER WITH SEATING FOR 200 OR FEWER INDIVIDUALS PER PERFORMANCE.**

(d) [The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption.

(e) The license [holder may] **AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO** sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption from 1 hour before to 1 hour after:

(1) a regular performance; or

(2) a fund-raiser performance that benefits the [Maryland Ensemble Theatre] **THEATER.**

[(f)] (E) The annual license fee is \$100.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.