

HOUSE BILL 1324

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2017

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Commission to Study Licensing**
3 **and Regulation of Sales**

4 **PG 311-17**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study the Licensing and Regulation of
6 Establishments Selling Alcoholic Beverages in Prince George's County; providing for
7 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the
8 Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
9 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to study, compare,
10 and make recommendations regarding certain matters related to alcoholic beverages
11 in Prince George's County; requiring the Commission to report its findings and
12 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain
13 date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
14 Commission to Study the Licensing and Regulation of Establishments Selling
15 Alcoholic Beverages in Prince George's County.

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That:

18 (a) There is a Commission to Study the Licensing and Regulation of
19 Establishments Selling Alcoholic Beverages in Prince George's County.

20 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

21 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland who represents a district in
22 Prince George's County, appointed by the President of the Senate;

23 (2) one member of the House of Delegates who represents a district in
24 Prince George's County, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) one representative of the Office of the Comptroller who has experience
2 with alcoholic beverages taxes and enforcement, appointed by the Comptroller;

3 (4) one representative of the Prince George's County Police Department,
4 appointed by the Chief of Police;

5 (5) the attorney employed by the Prince George's County Board of License
6 Commissioners; and

7 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

8 (i) two individuals involved in the wholesale distribution of alcoholic
9 beverages in Prince George's County;

10 (ii) two individuals who hold licenses authorizing the sale of
11 alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption;

12 (iii) one individual who holds a license authorizing the sale of
13 alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption;

14 (iv) four individuals with expertise in alcoholic beverages licensing
15 and enforcement; and

16 (v) two consumer representatives.

17 (c) The members of the Commission shall designate the chair of the Commission.

18 (d) The Office of the Comptroller shall provide staff for the Commission.

19 (e) A member of the Commission:

20 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

21 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
22 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

23 (f) The Commission shall:

24 (1) study the licensing and regulation of establishments selling alcoholic
25 beverages in Prince George's County, taking into account:

26 (i) the types of licenses issued;

27 (ii) the regulation of license holders; and

28 (iii) the enforcement of alcoholic beverages laws and regulations;

1 (2) compare the regulation of alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County
2 with best practices of other jurisdictions; and

3 (3) recommend ways to improve the process of issuing licenses and
4 regulating sales of alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County, including measures to
5 make the process more fair, effective, and responsive to community needs.

6 (g) On or before January 1, 2018, the Commission shall report its findings and
7 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
8 Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
10 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
11 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
12 abrogated and of no further force and effect.