

Chapter 225

**(House Bill 1003)**

AN ACT concerning

**Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses Issued by Different Local Licensing Boards to Single License Holder – Authorized**

FOR the purpose of authorizing a single individual to hold certain retail alcoholic beverages licenses that are issued by different local licensing boards for certain establishments; specifying that the number of licenses a single individual may hold is limited only by the cap imposed by each local licensing board on the licenses that the local licensing board issues; authorizing that the licenses may be issued for the use of certain persons; and generally relating to the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4–203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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, **OR SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**, more than one license may not be issued:

(1) to an individual; or

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

**(B) (1) A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL MAY HOLD CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES OR CLASS BLX OR EQUIVALENT LICENSES ISSUED BY DIFFERENT LOCAL LICENSING BOARDS ONLY FOR RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, OR MOTELS.**

**(2) THE NUMBER OF LICENSES THAT A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL MAY HOLD IS LIMITED ONLY BY THE CAP IMPOSED BY EACH LOCAL LICENSING BOARD ON THE LICENSES THAT THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD ISSUES.**

**(3) THE LICENSES MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE USE OF:**

**(I) THE LICENSE HOLDER; OR**

**(II) A PARTNERSHIP, A CORPORATION, AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION, OR A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.**

**[(b)] (C)** 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.**