

Chapter 96

(House Bill 507)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Banquet Facility License

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain capital investment requirement for the issuance of a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; requiring that a banquet facility have a full commercial kitchen and adequate public bathroom facilities before a banquet facility license may be issued; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 20–1001.1
 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

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1001.1.

- (a) There is a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license for use by a banquet facility that:
 - (1) accommodates the public for banquets, parties, meetings, and similar functions;
 - (2) contains a dining room with adequate facilities for preparing and serving full–course meals for at least 100 individuals who are inside the facility or outside on the premises at one seating; and

(3) has a [capital investment of at least \$250,000, excluding the cost of the land, buildings, and leases] **FULL COMMERCIAL KITCHEN AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC BATHROOM FACILITIES.**

(c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor by the drink or by the bottle for on–premises consumption if:

(i) the beer, wine, and liquor are sold only during the function;

(ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license holder does not sell beer, wine, and liquor for off–premises consumption;

(iii) the license holder does not allow beer, wine, and liquor to be carried off the premises; and

(iv) food is provided at the function where the beer, wine, and liquor are provided.

(2) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor for off–premises consumption if the beer, wine, and liquor is:

(i) in a collectible bottle commemorating a special anniversary or event; and

(ii) sold not more than 30 calendar days before the special anniversary or event.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 20–2005 of this title.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.