

SENATE BILL 679

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF HB 880

By: **Senator Edwards**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County,
4 for a certain licensing period, to reimburse holders of certain alcoholic beverages
5 licenses the entire amount of the annual license fee and to reimburse holders of
6 certain other alcoholic beverages licenses a certain amount of the annual license fee;
7 requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period, to waive the entire amount of the
8 annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses and to impose a reduced amount
9 of the annual fee for certain other alcoholic beverages licenses; making this Act an
10 emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
11 to alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That, notwithstanding any other law:

14 (a) For the 2020–2021 licensing period, the Board of License Commissioners for
15 Allegany County may reimburse each license holder in the county:

16 (1) the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license
17 issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on–premises
18 consumption only; and

19 (2) an amount equal to one–half of the annual fee for any alcoholic
20 beverages license issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages
21 for both on– and off–premises consumption.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) For the 2021–2022 licensing period:

2 (1) the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County shall waive
3 the entire amount of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license issued by the county
4 that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption only; and

5 (2) the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County may only
6 impose an amount equal to one–half of the annual fee for any alcoholic beverages license
7 issued by the county that permits the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for both on– and
8 off–premises consumption.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
11 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
13 enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023,
14 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
15 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.