

SENATE BILL 17

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By: **Senator Hayes**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Related Event Promoter’s Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of reestablishing a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City;
4 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related
5 event promoter’s permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; requiring
6 a holder of a State caterer’s license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from
7 the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related
8 event; and generally relating to related event promoter’s permits in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 12–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 12–1102.2 and 12–2802(e) and (f)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1102.2.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT” MEANS THE ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OF THE CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

(3) (I) “RELATED EVENT” MEANS AN EVENT IN WHICH:

1. A LICENSE HOLDER PARTICIPATES IN A COORDINATED PROMOTION WITH A THIRD–PARTY PROMOTER TO SELL OR PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING A SPECIFIED TIME; AND

2. AT LEAST 75 INDIVIDUALS ARE REASONABLY ANTICIPATED TO PARTICIPATE.

(II) “RELATED EVENT” INCLUDES AN EVENT FOR WHICH TICKETS ARE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC, EITHER IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR, OR A COVER CHARGE IS IMPOSED, INCLUDING A CONCERT, AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT, A HAPPY HOUR, OR A PARTY.

(4) “RELATED EVENT PROMOTER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, A FOR–PROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES A SOCIAL EVENT RELATED TO THE CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AROUND THE SAME TIME AND LOCATION AS THE CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

(B) THERE IS A RELATED EVENT PROMOTER’S PERMIT.

(C) (1) A RELATED EVENT PROMOTER OR PARTICIPATING LICENSE HOLDER ON BEHALF OF A RELATED EVENT PROMOTER SHALL APPLY FOR A PERMIT FROM THE BOARD BEFORE THE RELATED EVENT PROMOTER MAY PUBLICIZE, SELL TICKETS FOR, ORGANIZE, OPERATE, PRODUCE, OR STAGE A RELATED EVENT.

(2) A HOLDER OF A STATE CATERER’S LICENSE SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, BEER AND WINE, OR BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

1 FROM THE BOARD BEFORE THE HOLDER MAY ACT AS A PARTICIPATING LICENSE
2 HOLDER AT A RELATED EVENT.

3 (D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
4 THE BOARD MAY GRANT THE PERMIT TO AN APPLICANT WHO SUBMITS AN
5 APPLICATION TO THE BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE AT
6 LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE RELATED EVENT.

7 (2) BEFORE BEING GRANTED THE PERMIT, AN APPLICANT SHALL:

8 (I) OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A DESIGNEE OF VISIT
9 BALTIMORE;

10 (II) IF REQUIRED BASED ON THE TYPE OF PREMISES TO BE
11 USED:

12 1. OBTAIN A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FROM THE
13 BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND

14 2. PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO
15 THE BOARD; AND

16 (III) PROVIDE A COMPLETED APPLICATION THAT:

17 1. IS DATED AND NOTARIZED, AND SIGNED BY EACH
18 LICENSE HOLDER THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE RELATED EVENT;

19 2. LISTS EACH PREMISES FOR WHICH THE RELATED
20 EVENT WILL BE HELD; AND

21 3. IS ACCOMPANIED BY ANY OTHER DOCUMENT THAT
22 THE BOARD REQUIRES.

23 (3) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR AND IS ISSUED THE PERMIT IS
24 NOT REQUIRED TO BE A RESIDENT OF OR REGISTERED TO VOTE IN BALTIMORE
25 CITY.

26 (4) WITHIN 7 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING AN APPLICATION, THE BOARD
27 SHALL GRANT OR DENY THE PERMIT OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FROM THE
28 APPLICANT.

29 (5) A PERMIT MAY NOT BE ALTERED WITHIN 14 DAYS BEFORE THE
30 RELATED EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE.

1 (E) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE RELATED EVENT PROMOTER AND
2 PARTICIPATING LICENSE HOLDER TO CONDUCT A RELATED EVENT.

3 (F) THE PERMIT FOR EACH RELATED EVENT MAY BE IN EFFECT FOR THE
4 TIME STATED ON THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION
5 (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (G) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING THE
7 REQUIREMENTS FOR:

8 (1) CONDUCTING A RELATED EVENT, INCLUDING HEALTH AND
9 SAFETY STANDARDS TO BE MET BY THE RELATED EVENT PROMOTER AND
10 PARTICIPATING LICENSE HOLDER; AND

11 (2) PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE OF A RELATED EVENT AT THE
12 PREMISES OF PARTICIPATING LICENSE HOLDERS BY THE RELATED EVENT
13 PROMOTER OR PARTICIPATING LICENSE HOLDERS.

14 (H) (1) THE APPLICATION FEE IS \$50, PAYABLE ON THE SUBMISSION OF
15 THE APPLICATION.

16 (2) THE PERMIT FEE, PAYABLE WHEN THE PERMIT IS GRANTED, IS:

17 (I) \$500, IF THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE MARSHAL HAS
18 DETERMINED THAT THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR THE PROPOSED LOCATION IS LESS
19 THAN 300 PERSONS; OR

20 (II) \$1,500, IF THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE MARSHAL HAS
21 DETERMINED THAT THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR THE PROPOSED LOCATION IS 300
22 OR MORE PERSONS.

23 12-2802.

24 (E) (1) FOR THE OFFENSE OF PUBLICIZING, SELLING TICKETS OR
25 IMPOSING A COVER CHARGE FOR, ORGANIZING, OPERATING, PRODUCING,
26 FACILITATING, OR STAGING A RELATED EVENT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OR A REASON
27 TO KNOW THAT A RELATED EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT REQUIRED UNDER §
28 12-1102.2 OF THIS TITLE HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED, THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A
29 FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 AND NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 OR SUSPEND THE
30 LICENSE OR BOTH.

31 (2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES § 12-1102.2 OF THIS TITLE MAY NOT BE
32 GRANTED A RELATED EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.

1 **(F) FOR THE OFFENSE BY A HOLDER OF A STATE CATERER’S LICENSE OF**
 2 **PARTICIPATING IN A CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RELATED EVENT WITHOUT**
 3 **FIRST OBTAINING A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, BEER AND WINE, OR BEER, WINE, AND**
 4 **LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED UNDER § 12-1102.2 OF THIS TITLE, THE EXECUTIVE**
 5 **DIRECTOR SHALL IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 AND NOT MORE THAN**
 6 **\$3,000 OR SUSPEND THE STATE CATERER’S LICENSE OR BOTH.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
 8 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
 9 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
 10 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
 11 enacted. It shall remain effective through June 30, 2029, and, at the end of June 30, 2029,
 12 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
 13 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.