

SENATE BILL 46

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By: **Senators Brochin, Jennings, Klausmeier, and Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore County – License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain alcoholic beverages license fees in Baltimore County;
4 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages license fees in Baltimore County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

6 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

7 Section 4–201(a)(2) and (b)(1), 5–101(a)(1), 5–201(a)(1), 5–301(a)(1), 5–401(a)(1),
8 6–101(a)(1), 6–201(a)(1) and (e)(1), 6–301(a)(1), 6–401(a)(1) and (e)(1),
9 7–101(b)(1)(i) and (d)(1)(i), 8–204(a) and (c), 8–204.1(a), 8–304(a), 8–404(a)(1),
10 and 8–802(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 4–201(b)(8), 5–101(e), 5–201(e)(1), 5–301(e), 5–401(e)(1), 6–101(e),
16 6–201(e)(2), 6–301(e), 6–401(e)(2), 7–101(b)(4) and (d)(4)(i), 8–204(e),
17 8–204.1(e), 8–304(d), 8–404(a)(5), and 8–802(d)

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 4–201.

24 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Baltimore County;

2 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the annual fee for this
3 license is \$50.

4 (8) In Baltimore County, the fee for this license is [~~\$100~~] **\$50**.

5 5-101.

6 (a) (1) A Class A beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
7 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the
8 license may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail, in any quantity to any
9 consumers, at the place described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer and light
10 wines in a sealed package or container, which package or container may not be opened nor
11 its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

12 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] **\$100**.

13 5-201.

14 (a) (1) A Class B beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
15 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder may
16 keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail at any hotel or restaurant, at the place
17 described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

18 (e) (1) In Baltimore County the annual license fee is [~~\$300~~] **\$150**.

19 5-301.

20 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer and
21 light wine license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in which the
22 place of business is located. The holder of the license may keep for sale and sell beer and
23 light wines at retail to bona fide members and their guests, at any club, at the place
24 described in the license, for consumption on the premises only.

25 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee is [~~\$150~~] **\$35**.

26 5-401.

27 (a) (1) A Class D beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license
28 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license
29 authorizes its holder to keep for sale and to sell beer and light wines at retail, at the place
30 described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. The license may not
31 be issued for any drugstore.

32 (e) (1) In Baltimore County the annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] **\$100**.

1 6-101.

2 (a) (1) A Class A beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license
3 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license
4 authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell all alcoholic beverages at retail, in any
5 quantity, at the place described in the license. The licensee shall deliver the alcoholic
6 beverages in a sealed package or container and the package or container may not be opened
7 nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

8 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee is [~~\$900~~] **\$600**.

9 6-201.

10 (a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license
11 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located, and the license
12 authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at any hotel
13 or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere, or as
14 provided in this section.

15 (e) (1) This subsection applies only in Baltimore County.

16 (2) The annual fee for a license is [~~\$1,500~~] **\$1,000**.

17 6-301.

18 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer, wine
19 and liquor license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in which
20 the place of business is located. It authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic
21 beverages at retail at any club, at the place described in the license, for consumption on the
22 premises only.

23 (e) In Baltimore County the annual license fee is [~~\$1,000~~] **\$500**.

24 6-401.

25 (a) (1) A Class D beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license
26 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. It authorizes the
27 holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the place described in it,
28 for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. A license may not be issued for any
29 drugstore.

30 (e) (1) This subsection applies only in Baltimore County.

31 (2) The annual license fee is [~~\$1,500~~] **\$1,000**.

32 7-101.

1 (b) (1) (i) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, a special Class C beer
2 license or a special Class C beer and wine license entitles the holder to exercise any of the
3 privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses for the use of any person holding
4 any bona fide entertainment conducted by any club, society or association at the place
5 described in the license, for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days from the effective
6 date thereof.

7 (4) In Baltimore County the fee is ~~[\$30]~~ **\$10** per day, except that for any
8 bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital or charitable organization, the
9 fee is ~~[\$20]~~ **\$5**.

10 (d) (1) (i) A special Class C beer, wine and liquor license entitles the holder
11 to exercise any of the privileges conferred by this class of license for the use of any person
12 holding a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or association at the place
13 described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days, upon the payment of a fee of
14 \$15 per day.

15 (4) (i) In Baltimore County:

16 1. The fee for this license is ~~[\$50]~~ **\$25** per day, except that
17 for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital or charitable
18 organization, the fee for this license is ~~[\$35]~~ **\$15**; and

19 2. The holder of a special 7-day Class C beer, wine and liquor
20 license may purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.

21 8-204.

22 (a) This section applies only in Baltimore County.

23 (c) There is a 7-day Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and
24 liquor license. This license may only be issued for the use of restaurants that:

25 (1) Meet the definition requirements of "restaurant" established under the
26 regulations of the Board of License Commissioners;

27 (2) Have a minimum seating capacity of 150 persons for dining;

28 (3) Have a cocktail lounge or bar area seating capacity not exceeding 25
29 percent of the seating capacity for dining;

30 (4) Have parking facilities to accommodate a minimum of 75 vehicles; and

31 (5) Have a minimum capital investment of \$800,000 by the applicant
32 exclusive of the cost of the land and buildings.

1 (e) The annual license fee is [~~\$2,000~~] **\$1,000**.

2 8–204.1.

3 (a) There is a special theater license.

4 (e) The annual license fee is [~~\$2,000~~] **\$1,000**.

5 8–304.

6 (a) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue a special
7 wine festival license.

8 (d) The license fee is [~~\$60~~] **\$15**.

9 8–404.

10 (a) (1) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue a WS
11 (wine sampling) permit to bona fide nonprofit organizations.

12 (5) The permit fee is [~~\$30~~] **\$15** per day.

13 8–802.

14 (a) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue a special
15 beer festival license.

16 (d) The license fee is [~~\$50~~] **\$15**.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
18 1, 2015.