

2013 Legislative Session

Alcoholic Beverages

STATEWIDE:

1. Senate Bill 32 – House Bill 4 – Alcoholic Beverages – Brewery Licenses – On Premises Consumption

- (1) The identical bills allow a Class 5 Brewery Licensee to sell 500 barrels each year of beer brewed at the location for on-premises consumption. The local licensing board or county liquor control board may require a charge a fee for on-premises consumption to individuals over the age of twenty-one (21) years.
- (2) The local licensing board may require the licensee or an employee of the licensed premises to comply with alcohol awareness training requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

2. Senate Bill 223 – House Bill 231 – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler’s License

- (1) The identical bills create a Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler’s License allowing local “craft” breweries to sell limited amounts of their product at retail.
- (2) The Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler Licensee may sell, deliver, and distribute up to 3,000 barrels of its own beer produced on their own premises.
- (3) The Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler License is only given to a Class 5 Manufacturer’s License holder and a Class 7 Micro-Brewery License holder who does not produce more than 22,500 barrels annually.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

3. House Bill 978 – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Off-Site Permit and Wine Festival Permit

- (1) This permit can only be obtained by the present holder of a Class 4 Limited Winery license and only be used at:
 - (i) the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair;
 - (ii) one night each week from June – November at the North Beach Farmers’ Market;
 - (iii) at an event that has its major purpose as an activity that is other than the sale and promotion of alcoholic beverages and the participation of the winery is a subordinate activity
 - (iv) at farmers’ markets that are listed on the Farmers’ Market Directory by the Department of Agriculture
 - (v) at a wine festival that has its primary purpose of promoting Maryland wine and authorized by the Comptroller

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

4. House Bill 230 – Alcoholic Beverages – Farm Breweries and Micro-Breweries

- (1) This house bill adds the holder of a Class 7 Micro-Brewery license to the holder of licensees with whom the holder of a Class 8 Farm Brewery license may contract to brew and bottle beer.
- (2) The ingredients for the beer must be derived from the Class 8 Farm Brewery licensee's farm.
- (3) Additionally, this bill allows the Comptroller to issue a Class 8 Farm Brewery license to a person in Howard County that holds no more than two Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

LOCAL:

1. Senate Bill 16 – House Bill 18 – Alcoholic Beverages – Anne Arundel County Alcoholic Beverages Refillable Container License

- (1) Creating in Anne Arundel County a refillable container license to a holder of a Class A License, a Class B license, or a Class D License.
- (2) A refillable container license entitles the license holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container with a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces.
- (3) To be used as a refillable container, a container shall have certain requirements including being sealable, be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder, bear the federal health warning statement required by the Code of Federal Regulations, and display instructions for cleaning the container.
- (4) Additionally, the container must bear a label that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (5) A proper form and fees must be paid to the local licensing board including a \$500 fee for an applicant whose alcoholic beverages license does not have an off-sale privilege or \$50 for an applicant who does have an off-sale privilege.
- (6) The terms of sale for a refillable begin at the same time as those for the license already held by the person to whom the refillable container license is issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

2. Senate Bill 149 – House Bill 68 – Alcoholic Beverages – Dorchester County Micro-Breweries

- (1) The bill authorizes the holder of a Class D alcoholic beverages license in Dorchester County to be granted a Class 7 micro-brewery license, so long as the

Class 7 micro-brewery license is used on the same premises as the Class D license.

- (2) For the Class 7 micro-brewery license holder the hours and days of consumer sale are regulated under the Class D license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

3. Senate Bill 148 – House Bill 162 – Alcoholic Beverages – Caroline County Micro-Brewery License

- (1) This bill adds Caroline County to the list of jurisdictions authorizing the issuance of a Class 7 micro-brewery license. The micro-brewery license in Caroline County may be issued to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license for use on the premises or restaurant.
- (2) The bill also gives a holder of a micro-brewery license an off-sale privilege to sell beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises in refillable containers that are sealed by the licensee at the time of each refill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

4. Senate Bill 35 – House Bill 216 – Alcoholic Beverages – Queen Anne’s County and St. Mary’s County Micro-Brewery License

- (1) This bill adds Queen Anne’s and St. Mary’s counties to the list of jurisdictions authorizing the issuance of a Class 7 micro-brewery license.
- (2) The micro-brewery license in Queen Anne’s or St. Mary’s counties may be issued to a holder of a class B beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license for use on the premises of a restaurant.
- (3) The bill also gives a micro-brewery license in Queen Anne’s or St. Mary’s counties the off-sale privilege to sell beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises in refillable containers that are sealed by the licensee at the time of each refill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

5. Senate Bill 150 – House Bill 133 – Alcoholic Beverages – Dorchester Country Refillable Containers

- (1) This bill authorizes the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container license to a holder of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages license.
- (2) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable

and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.

- (3) The term of a refillable container license is the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license. The fee is \$50 if the applicant already has an off-sale privilege or \$500 if the applicant does not already have that privilege.
- (4) A refillable container license holder cannot display or provide shelving for beer in areas that are accessible to the public for off-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

6. Senate Bill 244 – House Bill 145 – Alcoholic Beverages – City of Annapolis Refillable Container License

- (1) This bill authorizes the Annapolis City Alcoholic Beverages Control Board to issue a refillable container license to a holder of a Class A, Class B, or Class D license.
- (2) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (3) The term of a refillable container license is the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license. The fee is \$50 if the applicant already has an off-sale privilege or \$500 if the applicant does not already have that privilege.
- (4) The term of the refillable container license is the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license. The bill also requires the sale of refillable containers to end at midnight, and authorizes the license holders to refill only those containers that were branded by a license holder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

7. House Bill 172 – Alcoholic Beverages – Charles County Nonalcoholic Items Hours of Sale

- (1) This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverage licensee in Charles County to sell nonalcoholic items Monday through Saturday between 5 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day and Sunday between 6 a.m. and midnight.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

8. House Bill 199 – Alcoholic Beverages – Queen Anne's County Beer, Wine and Liquor Tasting License

- (1) This bill authorizes Queen Anne's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWLTL) license to the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (2) A BWLTL license allows the licensee to provide samples of up to 1 ounce of beer from a given brand and 4 ounces from all brands; up to 2 ounces of wine from a given brand and 4 ounces from all brands; and up to 0.5 ounce of liquor from a given brand and 1.5 ounces from all brands to any one person in a single day for tasting.
- (3) The annual license fee for the BWLTL license is \$100 which is in addition to the fee for any other alcoholic beverages license held by the license holder.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

9. Senate Bill 49 – House Bill 212 – Alcoholic Beverages – Cecil and Queen Anne's Counties Beer and Wine Festivals

- (1) This bill increases the number of beer and wine festivals (BWF) authorized in Queen Anne's County in which special BWF licenses are issued by the Queen Anne's County Board of License Commissioners from the present one weekend annually, Friday through Sunday inclusive, to a maximum of four weekends annually.
- (2) The special BWF licensee must be a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages license, a State Class 3 winery license, or a State Class 4 limited winery license.
- (3) A licensee is permitted to display and sell wine that is manufactured and processed in any state, price filed in accordance with the Comptroller's regulations, and distributed in Maryland at the time the application is filed.
- (4) A licensee is permitted to display and sell beer that is brewed by a brewer who brews less than 60,000 barrels of beer annually and whose product is distributed in Maryland at the time the application is filed.
- (5) The licensee may display and sell beer and wine at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises and display and sell wine at retail that is manufactured and processed in any state for consumption off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for the BWF.
- (6) A holder of a BWF license is not prohibited from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

10. House Bill 213 – Alcoholic Beverages – Queen Anne's County Inspectors

- (1) This bill repeals the requirement that the alcoholic beverages inspector appointed by the Queen Anne's County Board of License Commissioners be a full-time position.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

11. House Bill 301 – Alcoholic Beverages – St. Mary’s County Class 6 Pub-Brewery License

- (1) This bill enables the Comptroller to issue a Class 6 pub-brewery license in St. Mary’s County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

12. Senate Bill 321 – House Bill 410 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County License Fees

- (1) This bill alters the distribution of alcoholic beverages license fee revenue in Frederick County by requiring the Frederick County Treasurer to keep all alcoholic beverages license fees collected.
- (2) Salaries and expenses for the Frederick county Board of License Commissioners must be paid from the license fees that the Frederick County Treasurer receives.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

13. House Bill 455 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County Refillable Wine Containers

- (1) This bill authorizes the holder of a refillable container license in Howard County to sell wine for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container with a capacity of not less than 17 ounces and not more than 34 ounces if the holder is licensed to sell wine in Howard County.
- (2) The Howard county Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue, at no cost to a B-SBW license holder, a refillable container permit to a holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the board except a Class C license and a Class GC license upon completion of the application provided by the board.
- (3) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (4) The term of and the hours of sale for a refillable container permit issued to an applicant are the same as that of the applicant’s alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

14. Senate Bill 371 – House Bill 464 – Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Sunday Sales

- (1) This bill authorizes a holder of a Class D license to sell alcoholic beverages from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays in Garrett County.

- (2) The establishment of the Class D licensee must be a permanent building; be able to seat at least 20 people at tables; have a full-service commercial kitchen capable of serving at least 20 meals at a time; and be approved by the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners, Department of Public Utilities, Health Department, and the Planning and Land Development Office.
- (3) The bill further expands Sunday sales to precincts of an election district in which voters approve a local referendum in favor of Sunday sales.
- (4) For a holder of a Class D license, the Sunday sales option has a one time \$250 issuing fee and a \$250 annual fee.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

15. Senate Bill 471 - House Bill 491 – Alcoholic Beverages – Somerset County Selling Near Schools, Places of Worship, Public Libraries, and Youth Centers

- (1) These bills create exceptions to the prohibition in Somerset County against approving a license to sell alcoholic beverages in a building located within 300 feet of a school, church or other place of worship, public library or youth center unless a licensed establishment existed before a school, church or other place of worship, public library, or youth center was built within 300 feet of the licensed establishment.
- (2) Additionally the previous owner of the establishment was a holder of a license to sell alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013.

16. House Bill 645 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County Distance from Schools, Places of Worship, or Youth Centers

- (1) This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to approve, by majority vote rather than unanimous action, the application for license to sell alcoholic beverages more than 300 feet away from schools, places of worship, or certain youth centers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

17. House Bill 647 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County Town of Kensington Beer and Wine Sampling or Tasting MC 9-13

- (1) The bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue three (3) beer and wine sampling or tasting (BWST) licenses to a holder of a Class A license for holding beer and wine tastings or samplings in the town of Kensington.
- (2) A BWST license authorizes tasting or sampling of alcoholic beverages only on the licensed premises of the holder of a Class A license.

- (3) A licensee may allow consumption by an individual for sampling or tasting purposes of not more than one (1) ounce from a single brand of wine; four (4) ounces from all brands of wine in a single day; three (3) ounces from a single brand of beer; and twelve (12) ounces from all brands of beer in a single day.
- (4) Once a bottle is opened, the bottle used for the beer or wine tasting or sampling must be marked that it is to be used for that purpose only.
- (5) The license holder must notify the board in writing at least seven (7) days before each sampling or tasting event.
- (6) All applications for BWST licenses must be made on forms supplied by the local board and may be issued without a public hearing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

18. House Bill 649 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County Refillable Beer Containers MC 4-13

- (1) This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue refillable container permit to a holder of a Class B or Class D beer and light wine license issued in the county.
- (2) A refillable container permit entitles the holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container with a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces.
- (3) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (4) The term of a refillable container permit is the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

19. House Bill 672 – Alcoholic Beverages – Montgomery County Consumption of Wine Not Bought from License Holder Class H Licenses

- (1) This bill adds Class H alcoholic beverage licensees in Montgomery County, allowing the sale of wine, to the types of licensees that may allow an individual to consume wine not purchased from or provided by the restaurant or facility.
- (2) The Comptroller will collect the sales and use tax imposed on the corkage fees charged by the restaurants.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

20. Senate Bill 767 – House Bill 749 – Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County Licenses, Permits, and Other Authorizations

- (1) This bill authorizes the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to issue, and requires the board to adopt implementing regulations, for a Class BDR beer and wine (on-sale) license, a refillable container permit, and a beer festival license.
- (2) The bill gives a Class BDR beer and wine, Class D beer and light wine, and Class D beer, wine, and liquor license holders a catering option.
- (3) Additionally, the bill allows specified holders to sell alcohol in commemorative or special event bottles for consumption at a catered special event.
- (4) A Class BDR beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued to an applicant who already holds a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license or a Class B beer and wine license. A Class BDR license allows the holder to sell beer and light wine for consumption on the licensed premises and brewed beverages for consumption off the licensed premises.
- (5) The one time issuing fee for a new Class BDR license without the catering option is \$500 in addition to the annual fee of \$500, and the one-time issuing fee with the catering option is \$625 in addition to the annual fee of \$625.
- (6) Additionally, the State Comptroller may issue a general statewide caterer's (SCAT) license to qualified caterers for use throughout the State or a limited SCAT license for use in three contiguous political subdivisions. The annual fee for a general SCAT license is \$2,000. The annual fee for a limited SCAT license ranges from \$750 to \$1,500.
- (7) In addition to giving a catering option to a Class BDR beer and wine license holder, the bill gives a catering option to a Class D beer and light wine retail license holder and a Class D beer, wine and liquor on-sale license holder.
- (8) At no cost, the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners may grant a Class B beer and light wine or beer, wine, and liquor license holder, a Class D beer and light wine license holder, a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license holder, and a special Class C license holder a privilege to sell alcohol in commemorative bottles, approved prior to the event, for consumption off the licensed premises at a catered special event on days and hours approved by the board.
- (9) Moreover, this bill authorizes the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to a draft beer license holder who also holds any class of alcoholic beverages licenses, except a Class C license or a Class A license.
- (10) A refillable container permit entitles the holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in refillable container with a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces.
- (11) A refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (12) For a location where Sunday sales are allowed, Sunday sales may begin at 10 a.m. for a wine festival and 1 p.m. for a beer festival.

- (13) The county board may issue two beer festival licenses annually to a holder of a retail alcoholic beverages license issued by the board, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub-brewery license, or a Class 7 micro-brewery license.
- (14) This bill adds an individual in an establishment in Garrett County for which a Class B Bed and Breakfast license is issued to the list of individuals that may consume wine not purchased or provided by the license holder under specific circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

18. Senate Bill 629 – House Bill 816 – Alcoholic Beverages – Allegany County Video Lottery Facility Sales and Consumption

- (1) The two identical bills establish a Class BWL-VLF (video lottery facility) and a Class BWL-VLC (video lottery concessionaire) beer, wine, and liquor license in Allegany County.
- (2) The Class BWL-VLF and Class BWL-VLC licenses authorize the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for consumption anywhere in the video lottery terminal (VLT) facility or on the grounds controlled by the Class BWL-VLF license.
- (3) The annual license fee is \$15,000 for a Class BWL-VLF license and \$5,000 for a Class BWL-VLC license.
- (4) The hours for sale of alcoholic beverages under an entertainment facility license or an entertainment concessionaire license are the same as the hours of operation for a VLT facility.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2013.

19. House Bill 901 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County Alcoholic Beverages Establishments Distance from Schools

- (1) This bill alters the minimum distance restriction in Howard County so that a Class B license to sell alcoholic beverages may not be granted for a restaurant located within 400 feet from the nearest point of a public school building.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

20. House Bill 1070 – Alcoholic Beverages – City of College Park Sales by License Holders Near School Buildings

- (1) This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverages license to be granted in the City of College Park to an establishment that is located within a commercial district and is located more than 400 feet from a school building.
- (2) There is a one-time application fee of \$700 and a license fee of \$1,500 annually thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013.

21. House Bill 1072 – Alcoholic Beverages – City of Laurel Sales by License Holders PG 308-13

- (1) This bill authorizes the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue a license to sell alcoholic beverages in any building regardless of its distance from a place of worship in the City of Laurel.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013.

22. House Bill 1074 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County Hours of Sale and Fee for Golf Course Licenses PG 318-13

- (1) This bill alters the type of special seven-day Class B-GC (golf course) alcoholic beverages license available to a golf course located on the premises of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from a beer and wine license to a beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (2) The annual fee is set at \$500.
- (3) The bill further expands the hours of sale for the new license to begin at 9 a.m. daily.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

23. House Bill 1079 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County Salary of Part-Time Liquor Inspectors

- (1) This bill makes technical corrections to Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages to clarify that the annual salary of a part-time liquor inspector in Prince George’s County is \$10,900.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

24. House Bill 1081 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County Entertainment Permit Class BH Licensees PG 301-13

- (1) This bill authorizes the holder of a Class BH (hotel) alcoholic beverages license in Prince George’s County that obtains a special entertainment permit to allow an individual under the age of twenty-one (21) years to be present on the licenses premises while alcoholic beverages are being served during specified events.
- (2) Special events include the following events: anniversary party, baby shower, baptism reception, Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, beautillion, cotillion, birthday party, book signing, church event, confirmation reception, corporate reception, engagement party, faith-based event, family reunion, family themed theatrical, graduation party, performance, political event, retirement party, rites-of-passage event, scholarship award ceremony, school event, tea party, wedding, wedding reception, and any family oriented event defined in regulations adopted by the county board.

- (3) The board will determine the number of events per week that the license holder may exercise the privileges of the permit.
- (4) The board shall hold a public hearing in order to issue this permit and hear all arguments for and against the license holder from obtaining a special events permit.
- (5) The board shall hold a similar hearing in order to revoke a special entertainment permit or to protest the renewal of the special entertainment permit.
- (6) The annual fee for the permit is \$1,500 in addition to the fee for the Class BH license.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

25. House Bill 1082 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County Alcoholic Beverages Class A Licenses and Class B-AE Licenses PG 317-13

- (1) This bill increases the number of Class B-AE (arts and entertainment) licenses from five (5) to eight (8) that can be issued in Prince George’s County.
- (2) Additionally, the Board of License Commissioners may not issue a new Class A license, or transfer an existing Class A license to a location within three-fourths of a mile of a correctional facility in Upper Marlboro.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

26. House Bill 1105 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County Prohibition on Use of Self-Scanning Cash Registers PG 311-13

- (1) This bill prohibits a retail alcoholic beverages licensee in Prince George’s County from selling alcoholic beverages by means of a self-scanning cash register, or other automated system operated by a customer on a self-service basis, that is capable of recovering stored information related to the sale of price of individual retail items.
- (2) Violators are subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 for the first offense; \$2,500 for a second offense; and \$2,500 or suspension or revocation of their license for a third or subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

27. House Bill 1240 – Alcoholic Beverages – Howard County Continuing Care Retirement Community License Ho. Co. 10-13

- (1) This bill authorizes the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to a continuing care retirement community that is composed of residents of a continuing care retirement community that has obtained a certificate of registration from the Maryland Department of Aging; operates solely for the use of residents and guests of the

community; and is not directly or indirectly owned or operated as a public business.

- (2) The annual fee for the license is \$250.
- (3) The license authorizes the licensee to keep for sale and to sell at retail to any resident or guest of the community beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption only.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

28. House Bill 1292 – Alcoholic Beverages – Calvert County Alcoholic Beverage Licenses and Appeals

- (1) This bill authorizes the Calvert County Board of Licensed Commissioners to issue a continuing care retirement community on-sale beer, wine and liquor license to a club at a retirement community that meets specified requirements.
- (2) The club or retirement community must be composed of residents of a continuing care retirement community that has obtained a certificate of registration from the Maryland Department of Aging, has at least 50 bona fide members; and has annual dues that average at least \$5 per member.
- (3) Moreover, this bill adds Calvert County to the list of jurisdictions in which a circuit court may remand certain proceedings to the local licensing board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013.

29. House Bill 1305 – Alcoholic Beverages – City of Annapolis Residency Requirement

- (1) This bill specifies that an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license issued in the City of Annapolis may meet the residency requirement by residing anywhere in Anne Arundel County for two (2) years preceding the filing of an application.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

30. Senate Bill 957 – House Bill 1387 – Alcoholic Beverages – Frederick County Banquet Facility License

- (1) These identical bills alter the existing Class B-B.F. beer, light wine, and liquor on-sale license in Frederick County by providing that the banquet facility must contain a dining room for preparing full-course meals for at least 100 people inside or outside the premises at one seating.
- (2) Furthermore, the bill alters the requirement for light wine, the license now allows for the consumption of beer, wine or liquor.
- (3) If the beer, wine, or liquor is in a collectible bottle commemorating a special anniversary or event and cannot be sold more than thirty (30) calendar days before the special anniversary or event.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

31. House Bill 1431 – Alcoholic Beverages – Prince George’s County Towne Centre at Laurel PG 320-13

- (1) This bill authorizes Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to six (6) Class B-DD (Development District) licenses to restaurants located within the Towne Centre at Laurel.
- (2) Furthermore this bill removes Laurel Commons from the list of areas in Prince George’s County that are underserved by restaurants.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

32. Senate Bill 1004 - House Bill 1448 – Alcoholic Beverages – Calvert County Sunday Sales

- (1) This emergency bill removes the prohibition against a Class B or Class C license holder from selling alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday in Calvert County.

EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2013.

33. Senate Bill 128 – House Bill 343 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County Hours of Sale for Class B Licensees

- (1) These identical bills expand the hours for sale of beer and wine under a Class B Café License.
- (2) The Class B Café licensee may sell alcoholic beverages between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day instead of between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m., Monday through Sunday, inclusive.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

34. Senate Bill 129 – Alcoholic Beverages – Class H-CC (Corporate Club/Conference Center) License

- (1) This emergency bill authorizes the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a Class H-CC beer, wine, and liquor license to establishments that have a banquet room, conference center, or specified meeting room; and a corporate dining room.
- (2) The licensee may hold multiple events in the licensed establishment simultaneously.
- (3) The annual fee is \$3,000 and no more than six (6) Class H-CC licenses may be in effect at a time.
- (4) The licensee may hold only one self-sponsored event per year in the banquet, conference, or meeting room.

EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2013.

35. Senate Bill 131 – House Bill 345 – Alcoholic Beverages – Harford County Liquor Control Board Reserve Account

- (1) These identical bills reserve an account for the Harford County Liquor Control Board which is a special, non-lapsing account not to exceed \$100,000 that will ensure that issuance and renewal of licenses, licensing enforcement, and other services will continue in the event of unanticipated financial circumstances.
- (2) The Harford County Liquor Control Board must hold the reserve account separately and account for the reserve account. A designee must administer the reserve account.
- (3) The reserve account will consist of money from specified sources, including license fees, fines, and investment income.
- (4) No more than twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate net proceeds received by the Harford County Liquor Control Board may be payable to the reserve account.
- (5) If current year appropriations exceed expected revenues, the board may incur expenditures from the reserve account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013.

36. Senate Bill 150 – House Bill 133 – Dorchester County Alcoholic Beverages Refillable Containers.

- (1) These identical bills authorize the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container license to a holder of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages.
- (2) A refillable container license entitles the holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container with a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces.
- (3) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (4) A refillable container license applicant must complete the form that the board provides and pay an annual license fee of \$50 if the applicant already has an off-sale privilege or \$500 if the applicant does not have that privilege.
- (5) A refillable container license holder cannot display or provide shelving for beer in areas that are accessible to the public for off-premises consumption.
- (6) The term of a refillable container license is the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license.

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37. Senate Bill 235 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City License Revocation

- (1) This bill specifies that an order by the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to revoke a license may be stayed, pending appeal, only by the court with which the appeal has been filed.
- (2) Furthermore, this bill prohibits a person, whose license has been revoked from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing the consumption of any alcoholic beverage until a stay is granted or the revocation is reversed on appeal.

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38. Senate Bill 349 – House Bill 275 – Alcoholic Beverages Wicomico County Liquor Act of 2013

- (1) These identical bills make numerous changes to the alcoholic beverages law in Wicomico County and authorize the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container license to a holder of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the board, except a Class C license, Class D license, Class B-Conference Center license, or Class B-Stadium license.
- (2) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (3) A refillable container license applicant must complete the form that the board provides and pay an annual license fee of \$500.
- (4) The term of a refillable container license is the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license.
- (5) Additionally, the bill allows a holder of a Class B beer and light wine on-sale license to sell light wine and beer in aluminum containers and eliminates the requirement that light wine be sold with meals at a stadium.
- (6) The bills increase the number of days which beer, wine, or beer and wine sampling or tasting events may be held to fifty (50) in any period for which a license is in effect.
- (7) The bills repeal the Boards' authority to determine the time by which establishments must stop serving alcohol on New Year's Eve Day.
- (8) Moreover a Class B hotel and restaurant alcoholic beverages license and a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (golf course) license to begin selling alcoholic beverages at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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39. Senate Bill 351 – Alcoholic Beverages – Somerset County Beer and Wine Tasting License

- (1) This bill authorizes the Somerset County Board of License Commissioners to issue a beer and wine tasting (BWT) license to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license or a beer and wine license.
- (2) A BWT license allows the licensee to provide free tastings of beer or wine, except during a festival event.
- (3) The Board must regulate the quantity of beer or wine served to individuals and the number of bottles of beer or wine from which it is being served.
- (4) A BWT license has a one-time issuing fee of \$100 and a \$150 annual fee.
- (5) This bill also eliminates the Wine Tasting (WT) license.

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40. Senate Bill 392 – Alcoholic Beverages – Cecil County Refillable Containers

- (1) This bill authorizes the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container license to a holder of a Class A or Class B alcoholic beverages license.
- (2) A refillable container license entitles the holder to sell draft beer off the licensee premises in a refillable container with a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces.
- (3) The refillable container must be sealable; be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder; bear the federal health warning statement; display instructions for cleaning the container; and bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer, and the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.
- (4) The refillable container license applicant must complete the form the Board provides and pay an annual license fee of \$50.
- (5) The hours of sale for a refillable container license are the same as that of the applicant's alcoholic beverage license.

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41. Senate Bill 949 – Alcoholic Beverages – Worcester County

- (1) This bill makes numerous changes to the alcoholic beverages law in Worcester County. The bill authorizes the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class EF (entertainment facility) beer, wine, and liquor on-sale license.
- (2) The Class EF licensee may sell beer, wine, and liquor from one or more outlets in the entertainment facility for consumption anywhere throughout the entertainment facility. A Class EF may not sell alcoholic beverages for off-sale consumption. An applicant for a Class EF license must have an initial capital investment in the facility of at least \$45 million.
- (3) A Class EF license authorizes dancing; the playing of music and the annual license fee is \$15,000.

- (4) Additionally, the bill specifies that seven (7) day license holders may sell beer, wine, and liquor on-sale and off-sale in Worcester County.
- (5) Moreover, the bill requires that for establishments licensed to serve alcoholic beverages in Worcester County, the licensee or supervisory employee designated by the licensee be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and be present during the hours in which alcohol is sold on the premises. However, this requirement does not apply to a Class C license.
- (6) The bill changes the date for when an alcoholic beverages licensee may begin to elect to purchase wine and liquor from a licensed wholesaler in addition to or instead of from the department of liquor control from May 1, 2016 to July 1, 2014.
- (7) Acting as a wholesaler, the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control may purchase wine and liquor, on which the excise tax has not been paid, from a licensed wholesaler, and the department may only resell the wine and liquor to a non-dispensary, licensed retailer and only after the excise tax has been paid.
- (8) Acting as a retailer, the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control may purchase wine and liquor, on which the excise tax has been paid, from licensed wholesaler for retail sale in dispensary stores.

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42. Senate Bill 1028 – Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore County License Transfers

- (1) This bill allows the transfer of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore County from election district 15 to the Towson Commercial Revitalization District, the Quarry at Greenspring, the Metro Center at Owings Mills, and the Promenade at Catonsville to be included in the total number of transferred licenses required by Chapter 558 of 2012.
- (2) The Baltimore County Board of Liquor License Commissioners must transfer a certain number of Class B or Class D licenses from election district 15 by April 30, 2017.

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