

CHAPTER 728

(House Bill 894)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(i) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses", relating to the issuance of beer, wine and liquor licenses to certain organizations in Prince George's County and relating generally to alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19(i) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

(i) Prince George's County.—In Prince George's County (1) the annual fee for such a license shall be seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00); (2) such a license may be issued to any agricultural association, [or] agricultural fair association *or any other association duly authorized to conduct racing under the provisions of Article 78B of this Code* where restaurant facilities are available or to duly authorized concessionaires of any such association, *or to any organization engaged in producing legitimate theatrical productions that may be lessees of such an association and using premises and facilities of such association*, for a limited period of time upon payment of a license fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day for the period of such license. In Prince George's County there shall be, in addition to the class herein provided, a special Class B license known as Class BH, which shall be issued only to hotels, and for the purpose of this section "hotel" shall mean an establishment recognized as a hotel for the accommodation of the public providing services ordinarily found in hotels, equipped with not less than one hundred bedrooms, a ballroom with not less than 2,000 square feet, a lobby with registration and mail desk and seating facilities and a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, wherein the average daily receipts from the hire of rooms and the sale of food exceeds the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages; said hotel building shall consist of not less than three floors not including floors below the street or ground level. The annual license fee shall be \$1,000.00. Said licenses to be subject to all other provisions pertaining to beer, wine and liquor licenses, on sale, Class B, in force and effect in Prince George's County, Maryland.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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