

CHAPTER 619

(Senate Bill 632)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 (f-2) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses", amending the laws concerning beer, wine and liquor licenses for hotels and restaurants in Harford County in order to make certain changes in the requirements therefor, and correcting an error in this section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19 (f-2) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(f-2) (1) In Harford County the annual fee for such a license shall be fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for a restaurant and two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for a hotel.

(2) Such a license may be issued in the first, second, third, and sixth election districts of Harford County to a bona fide hotel which (i) is an establishment for the accommodation of the public, providing services ordinarily found in hotels, (ii) is equipped with no fewer than 25 rooms, a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities, and a dining room which serves full-course meals at least twice daily. This license in a hotel does not permit sale at bars or counters, or for consumption off the premises.

(3) Such a license may be issued in the first, second, third, and sixth election districts of Harford County to a restaurant which meets the following requirements and conditions: (i) Serves full-course meals at least twice daily; (ii) has a regular seating capacity of tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for sixty or more persons; (iii) has been in full-time operation as a restaurant for not less than [two years] *one year* immediately preceding the time the application is made for license; (iv) serves alcoholic beverages only during or in connection with meals to patrons seated at tables; (v) has had daily average receipts from the sale of food in excess of sales of alcoholic beverages during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the application for license; (vi) has an applicant for the license who has, or applicants who have, been a bona fide resident or residents of Harford County for not less than two years immediately preceding the filing of the application, and who has or have been a registered voter or voters of Harford County for not less than one year immediately preceding the filing of the application. This license in a restaurant does not permit sale at bars or counters nor for consumption anywhere except inside the building in which the meals are prepared and served.

(4) A license under this section does not permit sales at a dance, and in no event shall the licensee sell alcoholic beverages in that portion of the premises where dancing is in progress, or knowingly sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed in said portion of the premises where dancing is in progress.