

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

24B.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CATERER" MEANS AN A HARFORD COUNTY ESTABLISHMENT CONTAINING 1 OR MORE BANQUET ROOMS SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS, WITH FOOD PREPARATION FACILITIES ON THE PREMISES, WHICH CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO SPONSORS OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENTS.

(B) (1) IN HARFORD COUNTY A CLASS H BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE ~~SHALL~~ MAY BE ISSUED BY UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND SHALL AUTHORIZE THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A CATERING ESTABLISHMENT TO KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT RETAIL AT THE PREMISES DESCRIBED THEREIN FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES. THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LICENSE SHALL BE ~~\$225~~ \$750 AND SHALL BE PAYABLE TO THE BOARD BEFORE ANY LICENSE IS ISSUED, WHICH FEE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 114 OR ANY OTHER CONTRARY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, A CATERER LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION ALSO MAY CONTRACT WITH PATRONS TO PERMIT THEM TO BRING PERSONAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONTO THE PREMISES OF THE CATERER FOR CONSUMPTION AT CATERED EVENTS.

(3) A CATERER LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT EVENTS HELD OFF THE PREMISES, PROVIDED THAT THE CATERER CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE FOOD, AS WELL AS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE CATERED EVENT.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A HOTEL OR RESTAURANT WHICH PRESENTLY HOLDS A CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE TO OBTAIN A CLASS H LICENSE IF CATERING IS, OR HAS BEEN, A PART OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE HOTEL OR RESTAURANT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

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