House Bill No. 1663

AN ACT concerning

FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance of a certain alcoholic beverages license in Harford County; defining the term "caterer"; providing that certain annual license fee be paid before the board issues the license; providing that a certain licensed caterer may contract to provide alcoholic beverages at an event held off the premises of the caterer under certain circumstances; generally relating to a certain alcoholic beverages license in Heward Harford County; and clarifying language.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages Section 24B Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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 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 BE ISSUED BY 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.