

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

24A.

(a) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES IN CARROLL COUNTY.

(B) (1) [For the purpose of] IN this section[, a caterer is defined as] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "BOARD" MEANS THE CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

(3) "CATERER" MEANS an establishment containing one 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)](C) (1) [In Carroll County, a] A Class H beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the Board [of License Commissioners, and shall authorize] WHICH AUTHORIZES the owner or operator of a catering establishment to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the premises described [therein] IN THE LICENSE for consumption on the premises.

(2) The annual LICENSE fee [for the license shall be] IS the amount [established] SET for a Class B beer, wine and liquor license in Section 19 of this article.

(3) THE FEE [and] shall be [payable] PAID to the Board [of License Commissioners] before any license is issued.[, which] THE fee shall be distributed as provided in this article.

[(2)](D) 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.

[(c)](E) [This section shall not require a] A hotel or restaurant which [presently] holds a Class B beer, wine and liquor license [to] NEED NOT obtain a Class H license if catering is, or has been, a part of the service provided by the hotel or restaurant. Any caterer [presently] holding a Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall automatically be issued a Class H liquor license [upon the effective date hereof], without any additional charge to the caterer for the license so issued, and the Class B license [now] held by the caterer [should] SHALL be surrendered upon receipt of the Class H license.

(F) (1) THERE IS A CLASS HC LICENSE.

(2) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CLASS HC CATERER'S (ON- AND LIMITED OFF-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A CLASS H CATERER'S BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(3) A CLASS HC CATERER'S LICENSEE MAY SELL: