

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

7-101.

(1) (1) This subsection applies only in Cecil County.

(2) In this subsection "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners.

(3) IN THIS SUBSECTION, WHERE ACTION OF THE BOARD IS REQUIRED, A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD MAY ACT IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL TO AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE:

(I) A FORMAL MEETING, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT; OR

(II) ORAL OR WRITTEN CONTACT BY THE CHAIRMAN WITH EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD. THIS CONTACT MAY BE BY ANY METHOD, INCLUDING TELEPHONE OR FACSIMILE. IF THIS APPROACH IS CHOSEN, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL INDICATE IN WRITING FOR THE RECORDS OF THE BOARD HOW EACH MEMBER AND THE CHAIRMAN VOTED.

~~(3)~~ (4) (i) Upon approval of an application on a form prescribed by the Board, signed and sworn to, the Board, ~~OR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD WITH THE VERBAL CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD,~~ may grant special licenses of any class, except manufacturer's and wholesaler's. The licensee may exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses at any bona fide entertainment held or conducted by any club, society, or association at the place described in the license, upon the payment of the following fees:

1. A beer or beer and light wine license – \$10 per day; or
2. A beer, wine and liquor license – \$20 per day.

(ii) The fee shall be paid to the Board for the use of the County before the license is issued.

(iii) This special license may not be granted to any organization more than four times in any year, nor may the total number of days authorized by special licenses for any organization exceed four in a calendar year.

~~(4)~~ (5) [Before the Board approves an application for a license, it shall cause a notice of the application to be published one time in one newspaper of general circulation in the County. The notice shall specify the:

- (i) Name of the applicant;
- (ii) Kind of license applied for;
- (iii) Location of the place proposed to be licensed; and