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FOR the purpose of ~~removing~~ altering the restriction in Prince George's County on the number of Class BLX licenses permitted and permitting the issuance of ~~an unlimited number~~ a certain number under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6-201(r)(6)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6-201.

(r) (6) (i) There is a Class BLX license, which is a special Class B license.

(ii) The annual license fee is \$2,500.

(iii) 1. Class BLX licenses may be issued only to luxury type restaurants, a term which shall be defined by the regulations of the Board.

2. The restaurant shall have a minimum capital investment of \$800,000 for dining room facilities and kitchen equipment, which sum may not include the cost of land, buildings or a lease.

3. The restaurant shall have a minimum seating capacity of 100 persons.

4. The Board has complete discretion as to whom these licenses may be issued, the number to be issued, and whether an existing license holder of an alcoholic beverages license may also have an interest in one Class BLX license.

5. ~~AN SUBJECT TO SUB-SUBPARAGRAPHS 6, 7, AND 8 OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN individual or corporation may hold ~~+~~ not more than ~~4-6~~ ~~+~~ AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF Class BLX licenses.~~

6. A LICENSE HOLDER MAY BE ISSUED A FIFTH BLX LICENSE ONLY IF THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A FIFTH LICENSE IS AT LEAST 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE LICENSE HOLDER WAS ISSUED THE FOURTH LICENSE.

7. A LICENSE HOLDER MAY BE ISSUED A SIXTH BLX LICENSE ONLY IF THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A SIXTH LICENSE IS AT LEAST 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE LICENSE HOLDER WAS ISSUED THE FIFTH LICENSE.

8. IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO ISSUE A FIFTH OR SIXTH BLX LICENSE TO A SINGLE LICENSE HOLDER, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY: