

CHAPTER 246**(House Bill 585)**

AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Population Ratio Quota

FOR the purpose of providing that in Washington County certain individuals are excluded from the population census count for the purpose of calculating the population ratio quota that applies to the issuance of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; and generally relating to the population ratio quota that applies to the issuance of certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 9-222(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

9-222.

(b) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(ii) "Population ratio quota" means 1 license for each 1,000 individuals [residing], EXCLUDING INDIVIDUALS DETAINED OR CONFINED IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AS DEFINED UNDER § 1-101(D) OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE, WHO RESIDE in the election district where the license will be issued as determined by the last federal population census.

(iii) "Restaurant" means an establishment that:

1. Is located in a permanent building;
2. Regularly sells and serves food to the general public;
3. Has a seating capacity of at least 75 persons; and
4. Has on an annual basis, gross sales of food and nonalcoholic beverages that exceed its annual gross sales of alcoholic beverages.

(2) In Washington County, except for a Class B alcoholic beverages (on-sale) license issued to a restaurant and any class of alcoholic beverages license renewed or transferred for the same premises, an alcoholic beverages license may not be issued within an election district if the number of alcoholic beverages licenses exceeds the population ratio quota.