

**CHAPTER 245**

**(House Bill 739)**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Restaurants Under Franchise or Licensing Agreements**

**PG 304-02**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue or transfer, in accordance with certain limitations, a Class B beer (on-sale) license or a Class B beer and wine (on-sale) license for use by a franchisee that operates a restaurant or by a person who operates a restaurant under a certain licensing agreement, regardless of whether the Board has issued or transferred certain other alcoholic beverages licenses to certain other franchisees or persons; making this Act inapplicable to restaurants in certain locations; prohibiting a certain licensee from holding a certain additional license except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain licensor or franchisor from having an ownership interest in a certain licensee; authorizing certain agreements to require a certain licensee to pay a certain fee; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9-217(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9-217(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

9-217.

(a) This section applies only in Prince George's County.

(f) (1) (i) A person, whether acting on that person's behalf or on the behalf of another person or entity, corporation, association, partnership, limited partnership or other combination of persons (natural or otherwise) for whatever