

license holder from catering events at a certain location or for which the license holder is the promoter or sponsor except under certain conditions; authorizing a license holder to sell and serve alcoholic beverages only during the hours and days that certain alcoholic beverages licensees may operate; authorizing the State Comptroller to issue certain regulations; and generally relating to caterer's licenses in the State.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6-701

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 9-102(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

6-701.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

(B) THE STATE COMPTROLLER MAY ISSUE A STATEWIDE CATERER'S (SCAT) LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO:

(1) IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF CATERING;

(2) MEETS ALL STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS, AND HOLDS ALL REQUISITE LICENSES RELATING TO THE CATERING BUSINESS CONDUCTED;

(3) HOLDS ANY CATERING LICENSE THAT MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE PERSON'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE IS LOCATED;

(4) (I) HOLDS AN EXISTING PERMANENT RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, OTHER THAN A CLASS C LICENSE; OR

(II) DOES NOT HOLD AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE BUT WHO HAS A PERMANENT OFFICE AND STORAGE FACILITY FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE STATE; AND

(5) MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(C) THE HOLDER OF A SCAT LICENSE MAY ACQUIRE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: