

Chapter 625

(House Bill 654)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses

Ho. Co. 10–16

FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County to attest to a certain proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for renewal of a certain Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to attest to a certain proportion of food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before renewing the license; authorizing the holder of a Class D license to employ an individual at least a certain age to sell or serve beer and wine; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 23–905 and 23–1902

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

23–905.

(a) There are:

- (1) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) 6–day license;
- (2) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on–sale) 7–day license;
- (3) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on– and off–sale) 6–day license; and
- (4) a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (on– and off–sale) 7–day license.

(b) (1) An on–sale license under this section authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on–premises consumption.

(2) An on- and off-sale license under this section authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on- and off-premises consumption.

(c) The license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

(D) (1) BEFORE THE INITIAL ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE OWNER SHALL ATTEST IN A SWORN STATEMENT THAT GROSS RECEIPTS FROM FOOD SALES WILL BE AT LEAST EQUAL TO 20% OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

(2) BEFORE EACH RENEWAL OF A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE OWNER SHALL ATTEST IN A SWORN STATEMENT THAT THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM FOOD SALES FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL WERE AT LEAST EQUAL TO 20% OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

[(d)] (E) The annual license fees are:

- (1) \$600 for a 6-day (on-sale) license;
- (2) \$1,000 for a 7-day (on-sale) license;
- (3) \$800 for a 6-day (on- and off-sale) license; and
- (4) \$1,000 for a 7-day (on- and off-sale) license.

23-1902.

(A) A holder of a Class A, Class B, or Class C license may employ an individual who is at least 18 years old to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

(B) A HOLDER OF A CLASS D LICENSE MAY EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.