

Chapter 584

(Senate Bill 352)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class BLX License for Movie Theaters

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class BLX license for a movie theater under certain circumstances; providing that a certain license may not be issued in a certain legislative district; authorizing the holder of the license to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; allowing the holder of the license to serve only customers who have proof of admission to the movie theater; providing the hours of sale for the license; and generally relating to Class BLX licenses for movie theaters in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 26–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 26–1606, 26–1616, and 26–2004(f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

26–102.

This title applies only in Prince George's County.

26–1606.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section **AND § 26–1616(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE**, the Board may not issue a license for use on the site of a movie theater.

(b) This section does not prohibit the issuance of a Class B–DH (draffhouse) license for use on the site of a draffhouse, as defined in § 26–1007 of this title.

26-1616.

(a) There is a Class BLX license.

(b) [(1)] The Board may issue the license for use in:

(1) a luxury-type restaurant, as defined in regulations of the Board, that has:

(i) a minimum capital investment of \$1,000,000 for a dining room facility and kitchen equipment, not including the cost of the land, building, or lease; and

(ii) seating for at least 100 individuals; AND

(2) ~~A~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A MOVIE THEATER IF:

(I) THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE MOVIE THEATER HAS INVESTED AT LEAST ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 IN RENOVATING OR REMODELING THE MOVIE THEATER; AND

(II) EXCLUDING CANDY AND POPCORN, THE AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD OF THE MOVIE THEATER EXCEED THE AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND

(III) ~~ALL EMPLOYEES ANY EMPLOYEE WHO WILL SERVE AN~~ ~~SERVES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AT THE MOVIE THEATER ARE~~ ~~BEVERAGES IS~~ CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM.

(C) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A CLASS BLX LICENSE TO A MOVIE THEATER IN THE 26TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT ~~ONLY AFTER:~~

~~(1) CONSULTING WITH THE SENATOR AND DELEGATES FROM THE 26TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT; AND~~

~~(2) RECEIVING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT THE BOARD DETERMINES TO BE APPROPRIATE.~~

~~(D)~~ (D) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS BLX LICENSE ISSUED FOR A MOVIE THEATER MAY SERVE ONLY CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE PROOF OF ADMISSION TO THE MOVIE THEATER.

~~[(2)]~~ ~~(D)~~ (E) **(1)** If the criteria under ~~[~~paragraph (1) of this subsection] **SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION** are met, the Board may issue or transfer one Class BLX license **FOR USE IN A LUXURY-TYPE RESTAURANT** on behalf of:

- (i) the county;
- (ii) the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- (iii) a private concessionaire under contract with:

or

- 1. the county; or
- 2. the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning

Commission.

[(3)] (2) The Board may determine:

- (i) the number of licenses to be issued;
- (ii) to whom the license may be issued; and

(iii) whether a holder of an alcoholic beverages license may have an interest in one Class BLX license.

[(4)] (3) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption.

~~[(c)]~~ ~~(E)~~ (F) **(1)** Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a person may not hold more than 10 Class BLX licenses.

(2) The Board may issue:

(i) a fifth license to a license holder only if the date of application for the fifth license is at least 1 year after the date the license holder was issued the fourth license; and

(ii) a sixth license only if the date of application for the sixth license is at least 1 year after the date the license holder was issued the fifth license.

(3) In determining whether to issue a fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, or tenth license to a single license holder, the Board:

(i) shall consider the number of licensed establishments existing in the area surrounding the site of the proposed licensed establishment; and

(ii) may issue an additional license only if the Board determines that the proposed licensed establishment will enhance the recreational, business, and economic development of the area.

[(d)] ~~(F)~~ **(G)** The profit realized from the sale of an alcoholic beverage under a license issued under subsection [(b)(2)] ~~(D)(1)~~ **(E)(1)** of this section may be for the use and benefit of the license holder.

[(e)] ~~(G)~~ **(H)** The annual license fee is \$3,875.

26–2004.

(f) (1) **(I)** Subject to [paragraph (2) of this subsection] **SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH**, the holder of a Class BLX license **ISSUED FOR A LUXURY-TYPE RESTAURANT** may sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

[(2)] **(II)** A license holder may not sell beer, wine, or liquor for on-premises consumption:

[(i)] **1.** except as provided in § 26–2005 of this subtitle, from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.; or

[(ii)] **2.** at a bar or counter on Sunday, from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, unless the Sunday is December 24 or December 31.

(2) A HOLDER OF A CLASS BLX LICENSE ISSUED FOR A MOVIE THEATER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION FROM NOON TO 12:30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.