

Chapter 79

(Senate Bill 215)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Repeal of Quota for Class B Licenses

FOR the purpose of repealing in Frederick County a license quota for certain Class B alcoholic beverages licenses; and generally relating to the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1601.

(a) (1) For every 4,000 individuals or major fraction in an election district, the Board may not issue more than one license in each of the following classes:

- (i) Class A (off–sale) beer license;
- (ii) [Class B (on–sale) beer license;
- (iii)] Class A (off–sale) beer and wine license; **AND**
- [(iv) Class B (on–sale) beer and wine license; and

(v)] (III) Class A (off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(2) The population of each election district is to be determined by the most recent federal census.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, in an election district in which the number of licenses in a class that were issued as of June 1, 1949, exceeds the quota specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Board may not issue new licenses in that class.

(2) The Board may issue new licenses in a class when the number of licenses in that class falls below the quota specified in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) This section does not apply to the transfer or renewal of a license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.