

Chapter 121

(House Bill 376)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Eligibility for Class B–BT (Buffet Theater) License

FOR the purpose of altering in Allegany County the types of entertainment that an establishment may provide to its customers to be eligible for a Class B–BT (Buffet Theater) beer, light wine and liquor license to include live acoustic–style music and feature films; and generally relating to eligibility for a Class B–BT (Buffet Theater) beer, light wine and liquor license in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 6–201(b)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6–201.

(b) (3) (i) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a special Class B–BT (Buffet Theater) on–sale beer, light wine and liquor license for the use of an establishment that:

1. Is operated as a nonprofit professional theater;
2. Provides **TO ITS CUSTOMERS** live Broadway–style musicals, comedy, [or] drama [to its customers], **LIVE ACOUSTIC–STYLE MUSIC, OR FEATURE FILMS**; and
3. Is open to the public by reservation.

(ii) The holder of a Class B–BT license may sell at retail beer and light wine by the drink or by the bottle and liquor by the drink only for on–premises consumption beginning 2 hours before the [live] performance, during the performance, and for 2 hours after the end of the performance on:

1. Monday through Saturday; and
 2. Sunday no earlier than 1 p.m.
- (iii) The license does not authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages:
1. For off-premises consumption by the drink or by the bottle; or
 2. At any time except in conjunction with the buffet theater.
- (iv) The annual fee for a Class B-BT license is \$350.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.