

HOUSE BILL 51

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By: **Delegates Eckardt, Cane, and Haddaway-Riccio**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Beer, Wine and Liquor**
3 **Licenses – Clubs**

4 FOR the purpose of updating certain obsolete language by requiring the County
5 Council of Dorchester County to pay a certain alcoholic beverages license fee to
6 the mayor and city council of a city or town under certain circumstances;
7 requiring the County Council of Dorchester County to pay a certain alcoholic
8 beverages license fee to the Finance Department of Dorchester County under
9 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the distribution of Class C beer,
10 wine and liquor license fees paid by organizations in Dorchester County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 6–301(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 6–301(k)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (iii) Operates solely for the use of its own members and their
2 guests when accompanied by such members; and

3 (iv) Meets in a clubhouse principally used for no other purpose.

4 (5) A license may be obtained by any lodge or chapter of any bona fide
5 nonprofit and nationwide fraternal organization composed of members duly elected
6 and initiated in accordance with the rites and customs of the fraternal organization
7 which:

8 (i) Has been in existence and operating in Dorchester County
9 for a period of not less than 5 years prior to the time of making application for the
10 license;

11 (ii) Has a bona fide membership of not less than 125 persons
12 and dues of not less than \$5 per annum per member;

13 (iii) Owns or operates a home or clubhouse principally for the
14 use of its members and their guests when accompanied by such members; and

15 (iv) Is not directly or indirectly owned or operated as a public
16 business.

17 (6) A license may be obtained by Sailwinds Park, Inc., a nonprofit
18 organization. The license may be obtained and renewed so long as no individual or
19 group of individuals derive any personal profits from the operation of the Park.

20 (7) Upon payment of the license fee, any organization specified by this
21 subsection may obtain a license from the County Commissioners.

22 (8) If the organization specified by this subsection is located within the
23 corporate limits of any city or town, the County [Commissioners] **COUNCIL** shall pay
24 the license fee to the mayor and city council of that city or town. Otherwise, they shall
25 pay the fee to the [treasurer] **FINANCE DEPARTMENT** of Dorchester County.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2012.