

# HOUSE BILL 558

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2010

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Entertainment Permit**

3 **PG 315–10**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince  
5 George's County to issue a certain entertainment permit to holders of Class B  
6 licenses; specifying that the permit allows the holder to impose a cover charge,  
7 offer facilities for patron dancing, and provide entertainment during a certain  
8 period; requiring an applicant for a permit to submit certain evidence to the  
9 Board; requiring a holder of a permit to implement a certain security plan and  
10 prohibit underage individuals on the premises; providing for an annual permit  
11 fee; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to  
12 entertainment permits in Prince George's County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 6–201(r)(1)(i)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
20 Section 6–201(r)(18)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

25 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 6-201.

2 (r) (1) (i) This subsection applies only in Prince George's County.

3 (18) (I) THERE IS A 7-DAY SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT  
4 THAT THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE TO A HOLDER OF  
5 ANY CLASS B (ON-SALE) LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PARAGRAPH.

6 (II) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER AFTER 9 P.M.  
7 AND UNTIL 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO IMPOSE A COVER CHARGE, OFFER  
8 FACILITIES FOR PATRON DANCING, AND PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT.

9 (III) BEFORE BEING ISSUED A PERMIT, AN APPLICANT SHALL  
10 SUBMIT EVIDENCE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOARD THAT THE APPLICANT:

11 1. HOLDS A CLASS B (ON-SALE) LICENSE;

12 2. HAS DEVELOPED AN ADEQUATE SECURITY PLAN  
13 TO PREVENT THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS SOUGHT TO POSE A  
14 THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SAFETY OF THE SURROUNDING AREA; AND

15 3. MEETS ALL OTHER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
16 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

17 (IV) A HOLDER OF THE PERMIT:

18 1. SHALL IMPLEMENT THE SECURITY PLAN; AND

19 2. MAY NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER  
20 THE AGE OF 21 YEARS ON THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS ISSUED.

21 (V) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE PERMIT IS \$1,500, WHICH IS  
22 IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE CLASS B LICENSE.

23 (VI) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL  
24 ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS PARAGRAPH.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2010.