

Chapter 345

(Senate Bill 135)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Ocean City Promoter’s License

FOR the purpose of establishing an Ocean City promoter’s license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue the license to a for–profit organization to sell and serve beer, wine, and liquor at an entertainment event that is held on certain premises located in the Town of Ocean City; and generally relating to alcoholic beverage licenses in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 33–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 33–1310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

33–102.

This title applies only in Worcester County.

33–1310.

(A) THERE IS AN OCEAN CITY PROMOTER’S LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A FOR–PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO SELL AND SERVE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT AN ENTERTAINMENT EVENT THAT IS HELD ON A PREMISES THAT IS:

(1) LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN CITY;

(2) OWNED BY THE TOWN OF OCEAN CITY; AND

(3) ~~DESIGNATED AND APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF OCEAN CITY~~ OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION EACH YEAR; AND

(2) ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING THE SALE AND SERVICE OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT THE EVENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS TO BE MET BY A LICENSE HOLDER.

(D) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER OATH ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(E) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$5,000 PER ENTERTAINMENT EVENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, May 3, 2023.