

SENATE BILL 35

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By: **Senators Brochin, Jennings, and Zirkin**
Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2015
Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Miscellaneous Business Licenses – Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain license fees that applicants are required to pay for
4 keeping a billiard table for commercial use, for doing certain construction business,
5 for keeping a garage where motor vehicles are stored for a fee, for doing the business
6 of cleaning or laundering, for doing business as a plumber or gas fitter, for operating
7 a restaurant, for doing business as a trader, and for operating a chain store; and
8 generally relating to business license fees in Baltimore County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Business Regulation
11 Section 17–504, 17–603, 17–803, 17–1103, 17–1504(a), 17–1604, 17–1808(a), and
12 17–1809(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Business Regulation**

18 17–504.

19 An applicant for a billiard table license shall pay to the clerk a license fee of:

20 (1) \$10 for each billiard table in a county other than Baltimore City[,
21 Baltimore County,] or Cecil County;

22 (2) \$20 for each billiard table in Cecil County; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) \$40 for each billiard table in Baltimore City.

2 17-603.

3 (a) An applicant for a construction license shall pay to the clerk a license fee of:

4 (1) \$15 for a construction license in a county other than Baltimore City[,
5 Baltimore County,] or Cecil County;

6 (2) \$40 for a construction license in Baltimore City [or Baltimore County];
7 or

8 (3) \$30 for a construction license in Cecil County.

9 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an applicant for
10 a nonresident construction license shall pay to the clerk:

11 (i) a license fee of:

12 1. \$50 for a nonresident construction license in a county
13 other than Baltimore City [or Baltimore County]; or

14 2. \$60 for a nonresident construction license in Baltimore
15 City [or Baltimore County]; and

16 (ii) for each contract for which the applicant is required to get an
17 additional nonresident construction license, an additional license fee of:

18 1. \$50, if the contract will be performed in a county other
19 than Baltimore City [or Baltimore County]; or

20 2. \$60, if the contract will be performed in Baltimore City [or
21 Baltimore County].

22 (2) An applicant for a nonresident construction license who is incorporated
23 or has its principal office in another state shall pay to the clerk the total fees imposed in
24 that state on a similar nonresident business if the total fees are higher than the total license
25 fees under this section.

26 17-803.

27 (a) (1) An applicant for a garage license shall pay to the clerk a license fee
28 based on the floor area of each garage.

29 (2) In a county other than Baltimore City [or Baltimore County], the
30 license fee is:

- 1 (i) \$20 for a garage with not more than 2,000 square feet;
- 2 (ii) \$40 for a garage with more than 2,000 and not more than 3,000
3 square feet;
- 4 (iii) \$75 for a garage with more than 3,000 and not more than 5,000
5 square feet;
- 6 (iv) \$125 for a garage with more than 5,000 and not more than 7,500
7 square feet;
- 8 (v) \$200 for a garage with more than 7,500 and not more than 10,000
9 square feet; or
- 10 (vi) \$200 for a garage with more than 10,000 square feet plus \$50 for
11 each additional 5,000 square feet or part of 5,000 square feet.

12 (3) In Baltimore City [or Baltimore County], the license fee is \$6 for each
13 100 square feet of each garage.

14 (b) The floor area on which the license fee is based is the total floor area of all
15 floors of the garage, excluding:

16 (1) the space occupied by a machine shop that is defined by permanent
17 partitions; and

18 (2) the floor area of a space 15 feet wide and extending the entire length or
19 depth of the garage on each floor on which a law requires that a space be kept open.

20 17-1103.

21 (a) An applicant for a license shall pay to the clerk the applicable license fee.

22 (b) In a county other than Baltimore City [or Baltimore County], the license fee
23 is:

24 (1) \$15 for a business that employs not more than 10 individuals;

25 (2) \$50 for a business that employs 11 to 20 individuals; and

26 (3) \$100 for a business that employs more than 20 individuals.

27 (c) In Baltimore City [or Baltimore County], the license fee is:

28 (1) \$40 for a business that employs not more than 10 individuals;

1 (2) \$125 for a business that employs 11 to 20 individuals; and

2 (3) \$250 for a business that employs more than 20 individuals.

3 17-1504.

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section, an
5 applicant for a plumber's license shall pay to the clerk a license fee of:

6 (1) \$5 for each place of business in a municipal corporation with a
7 population of less than 5,000;

8 (2) \$10 for each place of business in a municipal corporation with a
9 population of 5,000 to 9,999;

10 (3) \$15 for each place of business in a municipal corporation with a
11 population of 10,000 or more; or

12 (4) \$40 for each place of business in Baltimore City [or Baltimore County].

13 17-1604.

14 An applicant for a restaurant license shall pay to the clerk a license fee of:

15 (1) \$50 for each place of business in Baltimore City[, Baltimore County,]
16 or Cecil County;

17 (2) \$25 for each place of business in a municipal corporation with a
18 population of 8,000 or more in any other county; or

19 (3) \$10 for each place of business elsewhere in the State.

20 17-1808.

21 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an applicant for a trader's
22 license shall pay to the clerk a license fee based on the value of the applicant's
23 stock-in-trade.

24 (2) In a county other than Baltimore City [or Baltimore County], the
25 license fee is:

26 (i) \$15, if the value of the applicant's stock-in-trade is not more
27 than \$1,000;

28 (ii) \$18, if the value is more than \$1,000 but not more than \$1,500;

29 (iii) \$20, if the value is more than \$1,500 but not more than \$2,500;

- 1 (iv) \$25, if the value is more than \$2,500 but not more than \$4,000;
- 2 (v) \$30, if the value is more than \$4,000 but not more than \$6,000;
- 3 (vi) \$40, if the value is more than \$6,000 but not more than \$8,000;
- 4 (vii) \$50, if the value is more than \$8,000 but not more than \$10,000;
- 5 (viii) \$65, if the value is more than \$10,000 but not more than \$15,000;
- 6 (ix) \$80, if the value is more than \$15,000 but not more than \$20,000;
- 7 (x) \$100, if the value is more than \$20,000 but not more than
8 \$30,000;
- 9 (xi) \$125, if the value is more than \$30,000 but not more than
10 \$40,000;
- 11 (xii) \$150, if the value is more than \$40,000 but not more than
12 \$50,000;
- 13 (xiii) \$200, if the value is more than \$50,000 but not more than
14 \$75,000;
- 15 (xiv) \$250, if the value is more than \$75,000 but not more than
16 \$100,000;
- 17 (xv) \$300, if the value is more than \$100,000 but not more than
18 \$150,000;
- 19 (xvi) \$350, if the value is more than \$150,000 but not more than
20 \$200,000;
- 21 (xvii) \$400, if the value is more than \$200,000 but not more than
22 \$300,000;
- 23 (xviii) \$500, if the value is more than \$300,000 but not more than
24 \$400,000;
- 25 (xix) \$600, if the value is more than \$400,000 but not more than
26 \$500,000;
- 27 (xx) \$750, if the value is more than \$500,000 but not more than
28 \$750,000; or
- 29 (xxi) \$800, if the value is more than \$750,000.

- 1 (3) In Baltimore City, the license fee is:
- 2 (i) \$20, if the value of the applicant's stock-in-trade is not more
3 than \$1,000;
- 4 (ii) \$40, if the value is more than \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000;
- 5 (iii) \$80, if the value is more than \$5,000 but not more than \$10,000;
- 6 (iv) \$160, if the value is more than \$10,000 but not more than
7 \$50,000;
- 8 (v) \$375, if the value is more than \$50,000 but not more than
9 \$100,000;
- 10 (vi) \$1,000, if the value is more than \$100,000 but not more than
11 \$300,000;
- 12 (vii) \$1,500, if the value is more than \$300,000 but not more than
13 \$750,000; or
- 14 (viii) \$2,125, if the value is more than \$750,000.
- 15 [(4) In Baltimore County, the license fee is:
- 16 (i) \$20, if the value of the applicant's stock-in-trade is not more
17 than \$1,000;
- 18 (ii) \$40, if the value is more than \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000;
- 19 (iii) \$80, if the value is more than \$5,000 but not more than \$10,000;
- 20 (iv) \$160, if the value is more than \$10,000 but not more than
21 \$50,000;
- 22 (v) \$375, if the value is more than \$50,000 but not more than
23 \$100,000;
- 24 (vi) \$450, if the value is more than \$100,000 but not more than
25 \$200,000;
- 26 (vii) \$500, if the value is more than \$200,000 but not more than
27 \$300,000;
- 28 (viii) \$775, if the value is more than \$300,000 but not more than
29 \$400,000;

1 (ix) \$1,000, if the value is more than \$400,000 but not more than
2 \$500,000;

3 (x) \$1,250, if the value is more than \$500,000 but not more than
4 \$750,000; and

5 (xi) \$1,600, if the value is more than \$750,000.]

6 17–1809.

7 (b) (1) An applicant for a chain store license shall pay to the clerk a license fee
8 based on the value of the applicant's stock-in-trade under § 17–1808 of this subtitle and
9 an additional license fee.

10 (2) In a county other than Baltimore City[, Baltimore County,] or Cecil
11 County, the additional license fee is:

12 (i) \$5 for each store for 2 to 5 stores;

13 (ii) \$20 for each store for 6 to 10 stores;

14 (iii) \$100 for each store for 11 to 20 stores; or

15 (iv) \$150 for each store for more than 20 stores.

16 (3) In Baltimore City [or Baltimore County], the additional license fee is:

17 (i) \$12 for each store for 2 to 5 stores;

18 (ii) \$50 for each store for 6 to 10 stores;

19 (iii) \$250 for each store for 11 to 20 stores; or

20 (iv) \$375 for each store for more than 20 stores.

21 (4) In Cecil County, the additional license fee is:

22 (i) \$10 for each store for 2 to 5 stores;

23 (ii) \$30 for each store for 6 to 10 stores;

24 (iii) \$100 for each store for 11 to 20 stores; and

25 (iv) \$300 for each store for more than 20 stores.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2015.