

HOUSE BILL 687

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages License – Rock Spring Centre**

3 **MC 2–12**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License
5 Commissioners by unanimous vote to approve an application for an alcoholic
6 beverages license for an establishment located in a certain mixed use center in
7 Montgomery County under certain circumstances; specifying that the license
8 authorizes the license holder to keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for
9 consumption on the premises only; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
10 licenses in Montgomery County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 9–216
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 9–216.

20 (a) (1) The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may not
21 issue any license to sell alcoholic beverages within 750 feet of any secondary or
22 elementary school, church or other place of worship, or youth center sponsored or
23 conducted by any governmental agency.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Measurement of the required distance shall be made from the
2 nearest point of the building of the proposed establishment for which the license is
3 requested to the nearest point of the building of the school, church or other place of
4 worship, or youth center.

5 (3) The Board of License Commissioners may within its discretion and
6 by unanimous action of the Board approve the application for any license to sell
7 alcoholic beverages more than 300 feet from any elementary or secondary school,
8 church or other place of worship, or youth center sponsored or conducted by any
9 governmental agency provided that the land upon which the building is situated in
10 which the licensee would operate is classified in a commercial or industrial zone under
11 the applicable zoning ordinance and is adjacent or contiguous to other land which is
12 similarly classified under said zoning ordinance.

13 (4) Nothing in this section shall apply to or affect or prohibit, in any
14 manner, the renewal, transfer, or reissuance of a prior license of any license of any
15 establishment where subsequent to the original granting of the license a school,
16 church or other place of worship, or youth center was erected within 750 feet of the
17 establishment.

18 (5) For the purposes of this section, reissuance shall be limited to a
19 new license for the establishment issued within 1 year from the date of expiration or
20 revocation of a prior license provided the revocation did not result from acts of the
21 owner of the establishment.

22 (6) This subsection does not apply to a special culinary school license
23 issued under § 8–216.3 of this article.

24 (b) (1) In this subsection, “Takoma Park Transit Impact Area” means the
25 Takoma Park Transit Impact Area as approved and adopted in the sector plan for
26 Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland.

27 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
28 Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote may approve
29 an application for an alcoholic beverages license of an applicant for a restaurant
30 establishment which is located on land classified in or near a CBD zone (central
31 business district zone), in or near the Rockville Town Center Performance District, in
32 or near the Takoma Park Transit Impact Area, or in or near the Kensington
33 commercial areas specified in § 8–216(a)(2)(iv)1 of this article, if the following
34 conditions are satisfied:

35 (i) 1. If the restaurant building is outside the respective
36 zone, district, or area the measurement of the distance of the nearest point of the
37 restaurant building to the nearest boundary line of the respective zone, district, or
38 area is 500 feet or less; or

1 2. The restaurant building is entirely contained in land
2 classified in the respective zone, district, or area;

3 (ii) The issuance of the requested license will not adversely
4 affect nearby schools, churches, youth centers or the nearest residential community;
5 and

6 (iii) Except for the distance restrictions provided in subsection
7 (a) of this section, the restaurant otherwise qualifies under this article for the issuance
8 of the license requested.

9 (3) Any license issued under this subsection authorizes its holder to
10 keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

11 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
12 Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote may approve
13 an application for an alcoholic beverages license of an applicant for a restaurant that
14 is in existence as of June 1, 2004, and located in the Rockshire Planned Residential
15 Unit development of the City of Rockville, if the following conditions are satisfied:

16 (i) The restaurant building is entirely contained on land located
17 within the Rockshire Planned Residential Unit development area;

18 (ii) The issuance of the license will not adversely affect nearby
19 schools, churches, youth centers, or the nearest residential community; and

20 (iii) Except for the distance restrictions provided in subsection
21 (a) of this section, the restaurant otherwise qualifies under this article for the issuance
22 of the license requested.

23 (2) Any license under this subsection authorizes its holder to keep for
24 sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

25 (d) (1) In this subsection, "Burtonsville Town Square" means the
26 shopping center located in Montgomery County at the northwest corner of MD 198 and
27 US 29a.

28 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
29 Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote may approve
30 an application for an alcoholic beverages license of an applicant for a restaurant that
31 is located in Burtonsville Town Square if the following conditions are satisfied:

32 (i) The issuance of the license will not adversely affect nearby
33 schools, churches, youth centers, or the nearest residential community; and

1 (ii) Except for the distance restrictions provided in subsection
2 (a) of this section, the restaurant otherwise qualifies under this article for the issuance
3 of the license requested.

4 (3) Any license under this subsection authorizes its holder to keep for
5 sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

6 (e) (1) In this subsection, "Hillandale Shopping Center" means the
7 shopping center located in Montgomery County at the northeast corner of MD 650 and
8 Interstate 495.

9 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the
10 Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners by unanimous vote may approve
11 an application for an alcoholic beverages license of an applicant for a restaurant that
12 is located in the Hillandale Shopping Center if the following conditions are satisfied:

13 (i) The issuance of the license will not adversely affect nearby
14 schools, churches, youth centers, or the nearest residential community; and

15 (ii) Except for the distance restrictions provided in subsection
16 (a) of this section, the restaurant otherwise qualifies under this article for the issuance
17 of the license requested.

18 (3) Any license under this subsection authorizes its holder to keep for
19 sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only.

20 **(F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "ROCK SPRING CENTRE" MEANS THE**
21 **MIXED USE CENTER LOCATED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY BORDERED BY ROCK**
22 **SPRING DRIVE, ROCKLEDGE DRIVE, INTERSTATE 270, AND OLD GEORGETOWN**
23 **ROAD IN BETHESDA.**

24 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF**
25 **THIS SECTION, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE**
26 **COMMISSIONERS BY UNANIMOUS VOTE MAY APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR AN**
27 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF AN APPLICANT FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT**
28 **THAT IS LOCATED IN THE ROCK SPRING CENTRE IF THE FOLLOWING**
29 **CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED:**

30 **(I) THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE WILL NOT ADVERSELY**
31 **AFFECT NEARBY SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, YOUTH CENTERS, OR THE NEAREST**
32 **RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY; AND**

33 **(II) EXCEPT FOR THE DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED**
34 **IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OTHERWISE**

1 QUALIFIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE
2 REQUESTED.

3 (3) ANY LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AUTHORIZES ITS
4 HOLDER TO KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR
5 CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES ONLY.

6 [(f)] (G) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection,
7 the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may not issue any class of
8 alcoholic beverages license for use in a business establishment that sells motor vehicle
9 fuel to motorists from a fuel pump that is located on the premises.

10 (2) The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may
11 renew an alcoholic beverages license that has been issued for use in a business
12 establishment that sells motor vehicle fuel to motorists from a fuel pump that is
13 located on the premises if the license was in existence on January 1, 1989.

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