

HOUSE BILL 483

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

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2007

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Advisory**
3 **Commission to Study Luxury Type Restaurants**

4 **PG 313-07**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type
6 Restaurants in Prince George's County; providing for the membership, chair,
7 compensation, and duties of the Advisory Commission; requiring the Advisory
8 Commission to issue a certain report with recommendations by a certain date to
9 certain legislative delegations and the Prince George's County Executive;
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
11 establishment of an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type Restaurants in
12 Prince George's County.

13 Preamble

14 WHEREAS, A restaurant in Prince George's County that qualifies as a luxury
15 type restaurant is entitled to be issued a Class BLX license by the Board of License
16 Commissioners for Prince George's County and may provide alcoholic beverages for
17 consumption on the licensed premises only; and

18 WHEREAS, To qualify as a luxury type restaurant, a restaurant must have a
19 minimum seating capacity of 100 persons and a minimum capital investment of
20 \$800,000 for dining room facilities and kitchen equipment, excluding the cost of land,
21 buildings, or a lease; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds it beneficial to create an Advisory
2 Commission to study the demand in the County for luxury type restaurants, whether
3 more luxury type restaurants are needed, and how an increase in the number of
4 luxury type restaurants would affect existing premises licensed to sell alcoholic
5 beverages in the County; now, therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That:

8 (a) There is an Advisory Commission to Study Luxury Type Restaurants in
9 Prince George's County.

10 (b) The Advisory Commission consists of the following 11 members:

11 (1) one member of the Prince George's County House delegation,
12 appointed by the chair of the delegation;

13 (2) one member of the Prince George's County Senate delegation,
14 appointed by the chair of the delegation;

15 (3) one representative of the Prince George's County Executive;

16 (4) one representative of the Prince George's County Municipal
17 Association;

18 (5) one representative of the Prince George's County Economic
19 Development Corporation;

20 (6) one representative of the restaurant industry, appointed by the
21 Prince George's County Executive;

22 (7) four representatives of the retail alcoholic beverages industry in
23 the County, appointed by the Prince George's County Executive; and

24 (8) one member of the Board of License Commissioners for Prince
25 George's County, to be designated by the chair of the Board.

26 (c) The Advisory Commission shall designate a chair from among its
27 members.

28 (d) A member of the Advisory Commission:

29 (1) may not receive compensation as a member; but

1 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
2 State Travel Regulations as provided in the State budget.

3 (e) The Advisory Commission shall study:

4 (1) the level of demand by residents and visitors in various parts of
5 Prince George's County for luxury type restaurants;

6 (2) whether more luxury type restaurants should be encouraged to
7 locate in certain parts of the County and, if so, ways that this might be done; and

8 (3) how an increase in the number of luxury type restaurants would
9 affect existing premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the County.

10 (f) On or before September 1, 2008, the Advisory Commission shall submit a
11 report of its findings and recommendations to the Office of the County Executive and,
12 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Prince George's
13 County Senate and House delegations of the General Assembly.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May
16 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
17 abrogated and of no further force and effect.