
By: Somerset County Delegation

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(Store Reserves)**

4 FOR the purpose of removing, in Somerset County, a maximum amount on store reserves
5 and the limitation on purposes for which the reserves may be spent; altering the
6 amount given to each dispensary from the reserve fund; providing for a series of
7 effective dates; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 15-207(f)(2) and (3)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 15-207(f)(3)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1996 Replacement Volume)
18 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
21 Section 15-207(f)(3)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

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1 (1996 Replacement Volume)
2 (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

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

5 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

6 15-207.

7 (f) (2) After the repayment of the money specified under paragraph (1) of this
8 subsection, the Board may maintain a reserve fund [not to exceed \$48,000 for the
9 following purposes:

- 10 (i) To provide adequate working capital; and
11 (ii) To meet any losses sustained by the Board in the operation of the
12 dispensaries].

13 (3) [Of the \$48,000] FROM THE reserve fund, each County dispensary shall
14 receive an amount as follows:

- 15 (i) The dispensary in Crisfield, up to [\$15,000] \$22,000;
16 (ii) The dispensary in the West Princess Anne election district, up to
17 [\$15,000] \$22,000; and
18 (iii) The Hi-Way Dispensary, up to [\$18,000] \$27,000.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
20 read as follows:

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 15-207.

23 (f) (3) From the reserve fund, each County dispensary shall receive an amount
24 as follows:

- 25 (i) The dispensary in Crisfield, up to [\$22,000] \$29,000;
26 (ii) The dispensary in the West Princess Anne election district, up to
27 [\$22,000] \$29,000; and
28 (iii) The Hi-Way Dispensary, up to [\$27,000] \$36,000.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
30 read as follows:

31 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

32 15-207.

33 (f) (3) From the reserve fund, each County dispensary shall receive an amount
34 as follows:

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1 (i) The dispensary in Crisfield, up to [~~\$29,000~~] \$35,000;

2 (ii) The dispensary in the West Princess Anne election district, up to
3 [~~\$29,000~~] \$35,000; and

4 (iii) The Hi-Way Dispensary, up to [~~\$36,000~~] \$45,000.

5 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
6 take effect July 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
7 June 30, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 shall
8 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

9 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
10 take effect July 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of
11 June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 shall
12 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

13 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall
14 take effect July 1, 2001.