

HOUSE BILL 213
EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Somerset County Delegation**

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CHAPTER 498

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sale and Distribution of Light**
3 **Wine**

4 FOR the purpose of excluding in Somerset County the sale and distribution of light
5 wine from certain control of the liquor control board of the County; making this
6 Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the sale and distribution of
7 light wine in Somerset County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 15-204
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 15-204.

17 (a) [The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE liquor
18 control board in each county shall have an absolute monopoly of the sale and
19 distribution of the particular alcoholic beverages which elsewhere in this subtitle it is
20 empowered to sell.

21 (b) Provided, that in Montgomery County no person, firm, or corporation shall
22 keep for sale any alcoholic beverage not purchased from the Department of Liquor

1 Control for Montgomery County, provided, however, that nothing in this subsection
2 shall apply to holders of Class F licenses, to the holder of a wholesaler's license or a
3 beer wholesaler's license who shall not sell or deliver any alcoholic beverage in
4 Montgomery County for resale except to a county liquor dispensary.

5 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF
6 LIGHT WINE IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

7 (d) In Wicomico County, the county dispensaries shall make wholesale sales of
8 all liquors at a markup of not more than 15 percent above the operating cost to the
9 dispensary to any licensee of a Class A, B, or C beer, wine and liquor license.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
11 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
12 or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
13 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
14 effect from the date it is enacted.