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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegates Bozman, Conway, and McClenahan**

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CHAPTER 582

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages –~~Chain Stores~~**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~exempting certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Worcester~~
4 ~~County from the general prohibition against granting, transferring, or issuing~~
5 ~~licenses for chain stores; authorizing the Worcester County Board of License~~
6 ~~Commissioners to renew a certain alcoholic beverages license issued prior to a~~
7 ~~certain date; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to~~
8 alcoholic beverages licenses in Worcester County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

11 Section 9-102(a-1) and (j)(1)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2001 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to

15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

16 Section 9-102(j)(7)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2001 Replacement Volume)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 9-102.

3 (a-1) A Class A, B, or D beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine and
4 liquor license, except by way of renewal, may not be granted, transferred, or issued to,
5 or for use in conjunction with, or upon the premises of any business establishment of
6 the type commonly known as chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses. This
7 subsection does not apply to or affect any business establishment already holding
8 such a license or the possibility of such licensee having the license transferred to a
9 similar type of business establishment. Discount houses do not include licensees who
10 sell at discount prices.

11 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Worcester County.

12 (7) ~~NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A~~
13 ~~CLASS A BEER LICENSE, BEER AND WINE LICENSE, OR WINE LICENSE MAY BE~~
14 ~~GRANTED, TRANSFERRED, OR ISSUED TO, OR FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, OR~~
15 ~~UPON THE PREMISES OF ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TYPE COMMONLY~~
16 ~~KNOWN AS A CHAIN STORE.~~

17 (7) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE
18 WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY RENEW A CLASS A
19 BEER LICENSE, BEER AND WINE LICENSE, OR WINE LICENSE ISSUED PRIOR TO
20 JANUARY 1, 2002.

21 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~
22 ~~July 1, 2002.~~

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