

## Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§3–101.

(a) (1) A Class A beer license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may keep for sale and sell beer at retail in any quantity to any consumers at the place described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer in a sealed package or container, which may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

(2) The annual fee for the license shall be paid to the local collecting agent before any license is issued, for distribution as provided.

(b) (1) In Allegany County the annual fee is \$125.

(2) The package or container may not be opened nor its contents consumed on any premises in which the licensee has any direct or indirect interest.

(c) This section does not apply in Anne Arundel County.

(d) This section does not apply in Baltimore City.

(e) This section does not apply in Baltimore County.

(f) In Calvert County the annual license fee is \$150.

(g) In Caroline County the annual license fee is \$250.

(h) In Carroll County the annual license fee is:

(1) From July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2017, \$200; and

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2017, \$250.

(i) In Cecil County the annual license fee is \$60.

(j) This section does not apply in Charles County.

(k) In Dorchester County the annual license fee is \$200.

(l) In Frederick County the annual license fee is \$100.

(m) (1) In Garrett County the annual license fee is \$150.

(2) A new-license issuing fee is an additional \$150. The new-license issuing fee shall be paid in addition to the annual license fee.

(n) This section does not apply in Harford County.

(o) In Howard County the annual license fee is \$150.

(p) In Kent County the annual license fee is \$150.

(q) (1) In Montgomery County the annual license fee is \$200.

(2) (i) In this paragraph (2), “establishment” means a bowling alley, billiard hall, or drugstore or a restaurant located within these businesses.

(ii) A license may not be issued to, or for use in conjunction with, or upon the premises of any establishment or for use upon any premises which has a door, archway, opening or other passageway providing direct public access to any establishment.

(r) In Prince George’s County the annual license fee is \$245.

(s) In Queen Anne’s County the annual license fee is \$250.

(t) In St. Mary’s County the annual license fee is \$200.

(u) (1) This subsection applies in Somerset County.

(2) The annual license fee for a 6 day license is \$126.

(3) The annual license fee for a 7 day license is \$158.

(4) A person may not hold a license under the provisions of this section upon any premises having any direct or indirect connection with any drug or pharmaceutical dispensing business, or other business establishments of a type commonly known as or referred to as drugstore.

(v) (1) In Talbot County the annual license fee is \$25.

(2) Section 18-101 of this article permits the Talbot County Council to provide for the retail alcoholic beverage laws for the county which, if enacted, supersede the provisions of this article.

(w) In Washington County the annual license fee is \$100.

(x) (1) This subsection applies in Wicomico County.

(2) The annual license fee for a six day license is \$175.

(3) The annual license fee for a seven day license is \$275.

(4) A person may not hold a license under the provisions of this subsection upon any premises having any direct or indirect connection with any drug or pharmaceutical, or other business establishments of a type commonly known as or referred to as drugstore.

- (y) (1) This subsection applies in Worcester County.
- (2) The annual 6 day license fee is \$225.
- (3) The annual 7 day license fee is \$250.
- (4) The hours for sale are as provided in § 11-524 of this article.

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