

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§8–224.

- (a) This section applies only in Worcester County.
- (b) There is a Class I beer, wine and liquor license.
- (c) A Class I beer, wine and liquor license may be issued only within:
 - (1) The corporate limits of Ocean City;
 - (2) The boundary lines of the 10th election district;
 - (3) The boundary lines of the 2nd precinct of the 3rd election district; or
 - (4) The area bounded by Maryland Route 589 to the north and east, U.S. Route 50 to the south, and U.S. Route 113 to the west, all of which lie within the 1st precinct of the 3rd election district.
- (d)
 - (1) The annual license fee for the 6-day license is \$2,500.
 - (2) The annual license fee for the 7-day license is \$3,000.
- (e) A licensee may sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption only.
- (f)
 - (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, all license fees shall go to the general funds of the county.
 - (2) If the licensed premises are in a municipal corporation, 75 percent of the fees shall go to that municipal corporation.
- (g)
 - (1)
 - (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a licensee shall purchase all alcoholic beverages, except light wine and beer, from the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control.
 - (ii) Beginning on July 1, 2014, a licensee may elect to purchase wine and liquor from a licensed wholesaler or may continue to purchase all alcoholic beverages, except light wine and beer, from the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control.
 - (2) A licensee may purchase beer and light wine from a licensed wholesaler.
 - (3) A licensee shall be charged not more than 85 percent of the retail price or any special sale price or discount price, whichever is lower, set by the Department for wine and liquor.

(h) The hours for sale are as provided in § 11-524 of this article.

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