Chapter 239

(Senate Bill 1078)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor – License Fee

FOR the purpose of altering the annual license fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 31–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 31-901

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

31-102.

This title applies only in Washington County.

31-901.

- (a) There is a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) (1) A license under this section authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license.
- (2) The license holder shall sell the beer, wine, or liquor in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises.
- (c) A license under this section may not be issued for a drugstore unless the applicant:

- (1) has been doing business at the location applied for in the license for at least 1 year before the date of the application for the license;
- (2) is the assignee of a business established for at least 1 year before the date of the application for the license at the location applied for; or
 - (3) has been engaged in the retail drug business for at least 3 years.
 - (d) (1) The annual license fee is [\$300] **\$600**.
 - (2) The fee for a Sunday permit is \$250.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.