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**By: Somerset County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 1997

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2           **Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
3           **(Store Reserves)**

4 FOR the purpose of removing, in Somerset County, a maximum amount on store reserves  
5       and the limitation on purposes for which the reserves may be spent; altering the  
6       amount given to each dispensary from the reserve fund; providing for a series of  
7       effective dates; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9       Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10       Section 15-207(f)(2) and (3)  
11       Annotated Code of Maryland  
12       (1996 Replacement Volume)

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15       Section 15-207(f)(3)  
16       Annotated Code of Maryland  
17       (1996 Replacement Volume)  
18       (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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20       Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
21       Section 15-207(f)(3)  
22       Annotated Code of Maryland  
23       (1996 Replacement Volume)  
24       (As enacted by Section 2 of this Act)

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

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1           **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 15-207.

3           (f) (2) After the repayment of the money specified under paragraph (1) of this  
4 subsection, the Board may maintain a reserve fund [not to exceed \$48,000 for the  
5 following purposes:

6                           (i) To provide adequate working capital; and

7                           (ii) To meet any losses sustained by the Board in the operation of the  
8 dispensaries].

9           (3) [Of the \$48,000] FROM THE reserve fund, each County dispensary shall  
10 receive an amount as follows:

11                          (i) The dispensary in Crisfield, up to [\$15,000] \$22,000;

12                          (ii) The dispensary in the West Princess Anne election district, up to  
13 [\$15,000] \$22,000; and

14                          (iii) The Hi-Way Dispensary, up to [\$18,000] \$27,000.

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
16 read as follows:

17           **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18 15-207.

19           (f) (3) From the reserve fund, each County dispensary shall receive an amount  
20 as follows:

21                          (i) The dispensary in Crisfield, up to [\$22,000] \$29,000;

22                          (ii) The dispensary in the West Princess Anne election district, up to  
23 [\$22,000] \$29,000; and

24                          (iii) The Hi-Way Dispensary, up to [\$27,000] \$36,000.

25           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
26 read as follows:

27           **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

28 15-207.

29           (f) (3) From the reserve fund, each County dispensary shall receive an amount  
30 as follows:

31                          (i) The dispensary in Crisfield, up to [\$29,000] \$35,000;

32                          (ii) The dispensary in the West Princess Anne election district, up to  
33 [\$29,000] \$35,000; and

34                          (iii) The Hi-Way Dispensary, up to [\$36,000] \$45,000.

1           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
2 take effect July 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
3 June 30, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 shall  
4 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

5           SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
6 take effect July 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
7 June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 shall  
8 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

9           SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall  
10 take effect July 1, 2001.