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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Liquor Control Board - Working Capital Limit**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the limit of the reserve fund that the Liquor Control  
4 Board for Worcester County maintains to provide adequate working capital and  
5 to meet losses sustained in the operation of certain dispensaries; repealing  
6 obsolete language; and generally relating to the Liquor Control Board for  
7 Worcester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 15-207(h)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 15-207.

17 (h) (1) This subsection applies only in Worcester County.

18 (2) All net profits arising from the operation of these dispensaries are  
19 first applied towards the payment of any and all sums advanced to or borrowed by the  
20 Liquor Control Board. After these sums are paid, the Board is authorized to create  
21 and maintain a reserve fund not to exceed [\$300,000] \$400,000 [on June 1, 1995].

1 The reserve fund is maintained to provide adequate working capital and to meet any  
2 losses that may be sustained by the Board in the operation of these dispensaries.

3           (3)       Fifty percent of all net profits in excess of the reserve fund shall be  
4 paid to the County Commissioners of Worcester County on or before June 1 each year.  
5 The remaining 50 percent shall be paid on or before June 1 each year to the mayors  
6 and city councils of Berlin, Ocean City, Pocomoke City, and Snow Hill in proportion to  
7 the net profits on total sales of the dispensaries situated in each of these  
8 municipalities. For purposes of calculating the municipalities' share and if the County  
9 Commissioners consent to it for each municipality, a radius of 2 miles outside of the  
10 municipal boundaries shall be considered as being within the corporate limits. In the  
11 rural areas outside of the 2-mile radius of those municipalities, the net profits shall  
12 go to the general funds of Worcester County.

13           (4)       The amounts paid to the mayors and city councils of Berlin, Ocean  
14 City, Pocomoke City, and Snow Hill shall be used for general municipal purposes.

15       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 1999.