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CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class I License**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Worcester County a Class I beer, wine and liquor  
4 license for on-sale privileges only; establishing the terms and conditions for the  
5 license; limiting where a license may be issued to a certain area; and generally  
6 relating to alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 8-224  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 8-224.

16 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

17 (B) THERE IS A CLASS I BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

18 (C) A CLASS I BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY  
19 WITHIN:

20 (1) THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF OCEAN CITY;

- 1           (2)     THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE 10TH ELECTION DISTRICT;
- 2           (3)     THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE 2ND PRECINCT OF THE 3RD ELECTION  
3 DISTRICT; OR
- 4           (4)     THE AREA BOUNDED BY MARYLAND ROUTE 589 TO THE NORTH AND  
5 EAST, U.S. ROUTE 50 TO THE SOUTH, AND U.S. ROUTE 113 TO THE WEST, ALL OF  
6 WHICH LIE WITHIN THE 1ST PRECINCT OF THE 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT.
- 7     (D)     (1)     THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE 6-DAY LICENSE IS \$3,000.
- 8           (2)     THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE 7-DAY LICENSE IS \$3,500.
- 9     (E)     A LICENSEE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES  
10 CONSUMPTION ONLY.
- 11     (F)     (1)     EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ALL  
12 LICENSE FEES SHALL GO TO THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY.
- 13           (2)     IF THE LICENSED PREMISES ARE IN A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, 75  
14 PERCENT OF THE FEES SHALL GO TO THAT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.
- 15     (G)     (1)     A LICENSEE SHALL PURCHASE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, EXCEPT  
16 LIGHT WINE AND BEER, FROM THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.
- 17           (2)     A LICENSEE MAY PURCHASE BEER AND LIGHT WINE FROM A  
18 LICENSED WHOLESALER.
- 19           (3)     EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A  
20 LICENSEE SHALL BE CHARGED 85 PERCENT OF THE RETAIL PRICE OR ANY SPECIAL  
21 SALE PRICE OR DISCOUNT PRICE, WHICHEVER IS LOWER, SET BY THE LIQUOR  
22 CONTROL BOARD FOR WINE AND LIQUOR.
- 23           (4)     THE PRICE THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD CHARGES TO THE  
24 LICENSEES MAY NOT BE LOWER THAN 10 PERCENT ABOVE THE COST THE LIQUOR  
25 CONTROL BOARD MUST PAY TO WHOLESALERS FOR THE MERCHANDISE.
- 26     (H)     THE HOURS FOR SALE ARE AS PROVIDED IN § 11-524 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- 27     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 June 1, 1999.

