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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages**

3 FOR the purpose of altering in Dorchester County the alcohol content of "light wine";
4 authorizing the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a
5 1-day wine tasting alcoholic beverages (WT) license; specifying the conditions
6 for the issuance and the fee of a WT license; establishing a maximum limit for
7 the amount of wine that may be consumed under a WT license; prohibiting the
8 Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners from requiring the
9 publication of an application for a WT license before the Board grants the
10 license; allowing on-sale consumption of alcoholic beverages for 1 hour after
11 sales of alcoholic beverages must cease; requiring that tables and bar areas be
12 cleared of alcoholic beverages after a certain time; and generally relating to
13 alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 4-101(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
21 Section 4-101(k) and 11-510
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

1 BY adding to
2 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
3 Section 8-405.1
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

8 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

9 4-101.

10 (a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented
11 beverage that contains not in excess of 14 percent of alcohol by volume unless another
12 percentage is listed.

13 (k) Dorchester County -- 22 PERCENT.

14 8-405.1.

15 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.

16 (B) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A 1-DAY WINE
17 TASTING (WT) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

18 (C) (1) A WT LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A BEER, WINE
19 AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE, A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE, OR A CLASS A WINE
20 (W) LICENSE.

21 (2) A WT LICENSE PERMITS THE CONSUMPTION OF WINE FOR TASTING
22 OR SAMPLING IF:

23 (I) THE LICENSEE IS AUTHORIZED TO SELL THE WINE; AND

24 (II) A CONSIDERATION FOR THE WINE IS NOT CHARGED OR
25 EXACTED FROM THE CONSUMER.

26 (D) A PERSON MAY CONSUME WINE COVERED BY A WT LICENSE IN A
27 QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:

28 (1) 1 OUNCE FROM A SINGLE BRAND; AND

29 (2) 4 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY.

30 (E) THE FEE FOR A WT LICENSE IS \$25 PER DAY.

31 (F) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT REQUIRE THE
32 PUBLICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A WT LICENSE BEFORE GRANTING THE
33 LICENSE.

1 11-510.

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.

3 (B) [In Dorchester County, notwithstanding] NOTWITHSTANDING any other
4 provisions of this subtitle, the hours for sale for alcoholic beverages are as follows:

5 (1) For the holders of a Class A (off-sale) beer license, sales are
6 permitted Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight, except if Christmas
7 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 6 a.m. on Sunday to 2 a.m. on Monday.

8 (2) For the holders of a Class B (on-sale) beer license, sales are
9 permitted:

10 (i) Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. on the
11 following day; and

12 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon to 12 midnight, except if Christmas Eve or
13 New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon to 2 a.m. the following day.

14 (3) For the holders of a Class B (on- and off-sale) beer and light wine
15 license sales are permitted as follows:

16 (i) (On- and off-sale) is permitted on Monday through Saturday
17 from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day;

18 (ii) (On-sale) is permitted on Sunday from 12 noon to 12 midnight,
19 except if Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon to 2 a.m. the
20 following day; and

21 (iii) (Off-sale) is prohibited on Sunday after 1 a.m.

22 (4) For the holders of a Class C (on-sale) beer license sales are
23 permitted:

24 (i) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following
25 day; and

26 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon to 12 midnight, except if Christmas Eve or
27 New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon to 2 a.m. the following day.

28 (5) For the holders of a Class D (on-sale) beer license sales are:

29 (i) Permitted Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. on
30 the following day; and

31 (ii) Permitted on Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except
32 if Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon to 2 a.m. the
33 following day.

1 (6) For the holders of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license
2 sales are permitted:

3 (i) Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
4 following day; and

5 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
6 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon to 2 a.m. the following day.

7 (7) For the holders of a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license
8 sales are permitted:

9 (i) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
10 following day; and

11 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
12 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon to 2 a.m. the following day.

13 (8) For the holders of a Class 6 pub-brewery license, sales are permitted:

14 (i) Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
15 following day; and

16 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
17 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon through 2 a.m. the following day.

18 (9) For the holders of a Class A light wine license, sales are permitted:

19 (i) Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
20 following day; and

21 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
22 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon through 2 a.m. the following day.

23 (10) For the holders of a Class A beer and light wine license, sales are
24 permitted:

25 (i) Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
26 following day; and

27 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
28 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon through 2 a.m. the following day.

29 (11) For the holders of a Class C beer and light wine license, sales are
30 permitted:

31 (i) Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
32 following day; and

33 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
34 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon through 2 a.m. the following day.

1 (12) For the holders of a Class D beer and light wine license, sales are
2 permitted:

3 (i) Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. through 1 a.m. the
4 following day; and

5 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
6 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon through 2 a.m. the following day.

7 (13) For the holders of a Class A beer, wine and liquor license, sales are
8 permitted:

9 (i) Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. through 12 midnight the
10 following day; and

11 (ii) Sunday from 12 noon through 12 midnight, except if Christmas
12 Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, from 12 noon through 2 a.m. the following day.

13 (C) (1) ON-SALE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS ALLOWED
14 FOR 1 HOUR AFTER THE TIMES THAT LICENSE HOLDERS MUST CEASE SALES UNDER
15 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (2) WHEN THE HOUR FOR CONSUMPTION ALLOWED UNDER PARAGRAPH
17 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ENDS, ALL TABLES AND BAR AREAS MUST BE CLEARED OF
18 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1999.