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By: **Delegates Conway, Bozman, McClenahan, and Cane**  
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing in Wicomico County certain alcoholic beverages license  
4 fees; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
6 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
7 Section 5-201(a) and 7-101(b)(1) and (d)(1)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18 5-201.

19 (a) (1) A Class B beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license  
20 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder  
21 may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail at any hotel or restaurant, at  
22 the place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere.

23 (2) The annual fee shall be paid to the local collecting agent before any  
24 license is issued.

25 (x) In Wicomico County the annual license fee is [~~\$275~~] \$400.

1 7-101.

2 (b) (1) (i) Subject to subsection (a) of this section, a special Class C beer  
3 license or a special Class C beer and wine license entitles the holder to exercise any of  
4 the privileges conferred by the respective classes of licenses for the use of any person  
5 holding any bona fide entertainment conducted by any club, society or association at  
6 the place described in the license, for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days  
7 from the effective date thereof.

8 (ii) The fee is \$5 per day.

9 (13) In Wicomico County the fee is [~~\$20~~] \$30 per day.

10 (d) (1) (i) A special Class C beer, wine and liquor license entitles the  
11 holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by this class of license for the use of  
12 any person holding a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or  
13 association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days,  
14 upon the payment of a fee of \$15 per day.

15 (ii) The provisions of § 11-517 of this article do not apply to holders  
16 of this license. Alcoholic beverages sold under this special license shall be purchased  
17 by such special license holder from retail dealers.

18 (12) In Wicomico County the fee is [~~\$35~~] \$45 per day.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2000.