

HOUSE BILL 223

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Tavern Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County a Class D (on-sale) tavern  
4 license; specifying a certain annual license fee; establishing a certain seating  
5 requirement for the premises that are the subject of the license application;  
6 specifying that the license is for consumption of beer, wine and liquor  
7 on-premises only; and generally relating to tavern licenses in Dorchester  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 6-401(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 6-401(k)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 6-401.

23 (a) (1) A Class D beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license  
24 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. It authorizes  
25 the holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the place  
26 described in it, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. A license may not be  
27 issued for any drugstore.

1           (2)       The annual license fee shall be paid to the local collecting agent  
2 before any license is issued, for distribution as provided.

3           (3)       In this section, "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners  
4 for the jurisdiction to which the subsection applies.

5       (k)       (1)       [This section does not apply in Dorchester County.] THIS  
6 SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO DORCHESTER COUNTY.

7           (2)       THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$200.

8           (3)       TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PREMISES  
9 THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM  
10 SEATING CAPACITY OF 50 PERSONS.

11          (4)       THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE AND  
12 LIQUOR ON-PREMISES ONLY.

13       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 July 1, 2002.