
By: **Delegates Bozman, Conway, and McClenahan**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Chain Stores**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Worcester
4 County from the general prohibition against granting, transferring, or issuing
5 licenses for chain stores; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
6 Worcester County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 9-102(a-1) and (j)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume)

12 BY adding to
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 9-102(j)(7)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

20 9-102.

21 (a-1) A Class A, B, or D beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine and
22 liquor license, except by way of renewal, may not be granted, transferred, or issued to,
23 or for use in conjunction with, or upon the premises of any business establishment of
24 the type commonly known as chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses. This
25 subsection does not apply to or affect any business establishment already holding
26 such a license or the possibility of such licensee having the license transferred to a
27 similar type of business establishment. Discount houses do not include licensees who
28 sell at discount prices.

1 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Worcester County.

2 (7) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A
3 CLASS A BEER LICENSE, BEER AND WINE LICENSE, OR WINE LICENSE MAY BE
4 GRANTED, TRANSFERRED, OR ISSUED TO, OR FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, OR
5 UPON THE PREMISES OF ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TYPE COMMONLY
6 KNOWN AS A CHAIN STORE.

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