

SENATE BILL 698

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By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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)

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16 Section 6-401(k)
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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 \$2,000.

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.