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By: **Senator Colburn**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - ~~Tavern Licenses~~ Class B Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing~~ altering in Dorchester County a ~~Class D (on-sale)~~
4 ~~tavern license; specifying a certain annual license fee; establishing a certain~~
5 ~~seating requirement for the premises that are the subject of the license~~
6 ~~application; specifying that the license is for consumption of beer, wine and~~
7 ~~liquor on premises only; and generally relating to tavern licenses in Dorchester~~
8 ~~County, for certain restaurants, motels, and hotels with restaurant facilities,~~
9 ~~the minimum seating capacity required to qualify for a Class B beer, wine and~~
10 ~~liquor license; and generally relating to Class B licenses in Dorchester County.~~

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section ~~6-401(a)~~ 6-201(a)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 ~~6-401.~~

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

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

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

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

14 (2) ~~THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,000.~~

15 (3) ~~TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, THE PREMISES~~
 16 ~~THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM~~
 17 ~~SEATING CAPACITY OF 50 PERSONS.~~

18 (4) ~~THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE AND~~
 19 ~~LIQUOR ON PREMISES ONLY.~~

20 ~~6-201.~~

21 (a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license
 22 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located, and the
 23 license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail
 24 at any hotel or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the premises or
 25 elsewhere, or as provided in this section.

26 (k) (1) This subsection applies only in Dorchester County.

27 (2) (i) Bona fide restaurants, motels and hotels having restaurant
 28 facilities for serving full-course meals at least twice daily and seating capacity at
 29 tables for [100] 75 or more persons, not including seats at bars or counters, may
 30 obtain a license from the County Commissioners. This license entitles the licensee to
 31 sell beer, wines, and liquors.

32 (ii) The annual license fee is \$1,000.

33 (3) This license provides for the consumption of wine and liquor on the
 34 premises only.

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

