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By: **Delegate Elmore**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees and Miscellaneous**  
3 **Provisions**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing certain fees relating to alcoholic beverages licenses  
5 issued in Somerset County; establishing a certain fee for the transfer or  
6 assignment of licenses; authorizing the Somerset County Board of License  
7 Commissioners to waive a certain publication notice with respect to the transfer  
8 or assignment of Class C club licenses; increasing the fee required for filing  
9 changes in the officers of certain corporations and clubs; increasing the salaries  
10 of the members, chairman, attorney, and clerk for the Somerset County Board of  
11 License Commissioners; authorizing the Board to issue a wine tasting license in  
12 Somerset County; requiring applications for alcoholic beverages licenses in  
13 Somerset County to contain a statement that the applicant consents to the  
14 Board investigating the applicant's criminal record; requiring the Board to  
15 fingerprint applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses and to charge a certain  
16 fee in connection with the fingerprinting; requiring the Board to have certain  
17 notice of applications for alcoholic beverages licenses advertised in a certain  
18 manner and requiring the applicants for those licenses to pay a certain fee to  
19 cover the costs of the advertising; providing for a certain late fee to be assessed  
20 if renewals for alcoholic beverages licenses are not filed in a certain manner;  
21 requiring an alcoholic beverages licensee that appeals a decision of the Board to  
22 the Circuit Court for Somerset County to pay a certain fee; providing that the  
23 provisions of this Act relating to the salaries of the members and chairman of  
24 the Board of License Commissioners do not apply to the incumbent members  
25 and chairman of the Board; making a technical correction; and generally  
26 relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

27 BY adding to

28 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
29 Section 8-410.2, 10-103(b)(9)(v), 10-202(p), 10-301(s), and 10-503(u)  
30 Annotated Code of Maryland  
31 (2005 Replacement Volume)

32 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

33 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

1 Section 3-101(a), 3-201(a), 3-301(a), 3-401(a), 4-201(a), 5-101(a), 5-201(a),  
2 5-301(a), 5-401(a), 6-201(a)(1) and (2), 6-301(a), 6-401(a), 10-103(b)(9)(i),  
3 (ii), and (iv), and 10-503(a)(1)  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2005 Replacement Volume)

6 BY repealing  
7 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 10-202(p) and 10-503(u)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2005 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 3-101(u), 3-201(u), 3-301(u), 3-401(u), 4-201(b), 5-101(u), 5-201(u),  
14 5-301(u), 5-401(u), 6-201(u)(1) and (2), 6-301(u)(1) and (2), 6-401(u)(1),  
15 7-101(s), 8-312, 10-103(b)(9)(iii), 10-301(h)(1), 15-109(u), 15-112(u), and  
16 16-101(b)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2005 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 8-410.2.

23 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

24 (B) (1) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A WINE  
25 TASTING (WT) LICENSE FOR WINE TASTING AND SAMPLING.

26 (2) A WT LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A  
27 BEER AND WINE (OFF-SALE) LICENSE.

28 (C) THE ANNUAL WT LICENSE FEE IS \$150.

29 (D) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A WT LICENSE SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM  
30 THAT THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS PROVIDES.

31 (2) A RENEWAL OF THE WT LICENSE MAY BE MADE AT THE TIME THE  
32 CLASS A BEER AND WINE (OFF-SALE) LICENSE IS RENEWED.

33 (3) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY GRANT A WT  
34 LICENSE WITHOUT A HEARING.

1 (4) IF APPLICATION FOR A WT LICENSE IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT MAY  
2 REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

3 (E) (1) A WT LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SERVE TO ANY PERSON FOR  
4 SAMPLING OR TASTING PURPOSES MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH BRAND.

5 (2) A MAXIMUM OF SIX BOTTLES MAY BE OPENED AT ANY ONE TIME AT A  
6 WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENT.

7 (3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS DURING WHICH WINE SAMPLING OR  
8 TASTING EVENTS ARE HELD MAY NOT EXCEED 15 IN ANY PERIOD FOR WHICH A WT  
9 LICENSE IS IN EFFECT.

10 (4) A WT LICENSE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
11 COMMISSIONERS IN WRITING AT LEAST 5 DAYS BEFORE A WINE SAMPLING OR  
12 TASTING EVENT.

13 (5) ONCE OPENED, EACH BOTTLE USED FOR A WINE SAMPLING OR  
14 TASTING EVENT SHALL BE MARKED THAT IT IS TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE  
15 ONLY.

16 (6) THE CONTENTS OF EACH BOTTLE MAY NOT BE MIXED WITH ANY  
17 OTHER BOTTLE, AND ALL BOTTLES SHALL BE DESTROYED ONCE THEY ARE EMPTY.

18 (F) (1) A WT LICENSE IS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY.

19 (2) WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED FROM A  
20 DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW.

21 10-103.

22 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, every new application for a  
23 license shall be made to the Board of License Commissioners upon forms prescribed  
24 by the Comptroller and sworn to by the applicant. Every application for a license shall  
25 contain the following statements:

26 (9) (i) A statement that the applicant has never been convicted of a  
27 felony and a further statement as to whether he has ever been adjudged guilty of  
28 violating the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages or for the prevention of  
29 gambling in the State of Maryland;

30 (ii) In Worcester County a statement that the applicant has never  
31 offered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony indictment which was accepted by a court;

32 (iii) In SOMERSET AND Wicomico [County] COUNTIES, a statement  
33 that the applicant consents to the Board investigating the applicant's criminal record;  
34 and

35 (iv) 1. In Prince George's and Worcester counties, a signed  
36 statement by the applicant that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony or if

1 the application is being made for the use of a corporation, that the applicant and none  
2 of the stockholders of that corporation have been convicted of a felony;

3                                   2.       In Worcester County, that the owner of the corporation has  
4 not been convicted of a felony; and

5                                   3.       In Charles County, a signed statement by the applicant  
6 that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony, or, except for an applicant for a  
7 Class B beer, wine and liquor (BLX) luxury restaurant license, if the application is  
8 being made for the use of a corporation, that the applicant and none of the  
9 stockholders of that corporation have been convicted of a felony;

10                               (V)    1.       A.       IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS  
11 HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

12                                   B.       "APPLICANT" MEANS AN APPLICANT FOR A NEW  
13 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OR FOR A TRANSFER OF AN EXISTING ALCOHOLIC  
14 BEVERAGES LICENSE.

15                                   C.       "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
16 COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY.

17                                   2.       THIS SUBPARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN SOMERSET  
18 COUNTY.

19                                   3.       THE BOARD SHALL:

20                                   A.       REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO BE FINGERPRINTED;

21                                   B.       FORWARD THE FINGERPRINTS TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
22 SYSTEM CENTRAL REPOSITORY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
23 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES; AND

24                                   C.       REQUEST FROM THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY A STATE AND  
25 NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK OF THE APPLICANT.

26                                   4.       THE BOARD MAY NOT DISSEMINATE INFORMATION FROM  
27 CRIMINAL RECORDS TO THE PUBLIC BUT MAY MAKE INFORMATION FROM CRIMINAL  
28 RECORDS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THEIR DESIGNEES.

29                                   5.       THE BOARD SHALL CHARGE AN APPLICANT \$42 FOR THE  
30 COST OF FINGERPRINTING AND PERFORMING A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL  
31 HISTORY RECORDS CHECK.

32                                   6.       THE BOARD MAY EXEMPT FROM THIS SUBPARAGRAPH A  
33 LICENSE HOLDER WHO SEEKS TO RENEW AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

34 10-202.

35       [(p)    In Somerset County, the County Treasurer shall issue a local license under  
36 this article:

1 (1) On the approval of the application by the Board of License  
2 Commissioners; and

3 (2) On the payment of the fee for the license.]

4 (P) IN SOMERSET COUNTY:

5 (1) NOTICE OF EACH APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE SHALL BE  
6 PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IN AT LEAST ONE  
7 NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR UNINCORPORATED  
8 AREA IN WHICH, OR NEAREST TO WHICH, THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED PLACE OF  
9 BUSINESS IS TO BE LOCATED;

10 (2) THE APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL PAY THE BOARD OF  
11 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS A FEE OF \$350 TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE ADVERTISING  
12 REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND THE COSTS OF PROCESSING  
13 THE APPLICATION; AND

14 (3) AFTER THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS HAS APPROVED  
15 THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, THE COUNTY TREASURER SHALL ISSUE THE  
16 LICENSE ON PAYMENT OF THE FEE REQUIRED FOR THE LICENSE AND THE FEE  
17 REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

18 10-301.

19 (h) (1) In Worcester, Wicomico, Dorchester, Somerset, and Howard counties,  
20 notwithstanding any other provision of this article, any corporation or club holding  
21 any class of alcoholic beverage license may, during any license year, substitute the  
22 name of one of its officers for the name of any other officer on the license when the  
23 deleted officer has died, retired, been removed from office, or no longer holds an office  
24 in the corporation or club if the substitute is a fit person approved by the Board and  
25 can meet all the requirements the substitute would have to meet if the substitute  
26 were named in the original application. The corporation or club shall file an affidavit  
27 with the Board of License Commissioners showing the substitution of the officer or  
28 officers with an explanation of the substitution. Upon receipt of the affidavit the  
29 Board shall amend its records and issue a new license with the corrected names on it.  
30 The corporation or club shall pay a fee of \$5 to the Board of License Commissioners  
31 for this service. In SOMERSET AND Wicomico [County] COUNTIES, the fee is \$50 and  
32 is payable to the local collecting agent. In Worcester County, this section applies only  
33 to Class C (clubs) establishments for which the fee is \$5. In Wicomico County, an  
34 application for renewal of a restaurant license is subject to requirements specified in  
35 § 6-201(x) of this article, as amended from time to time.

36 (S) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

37 (2) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
38 COMMISSIONERS.

1 (3) AN APPLICANT FOR A RENEWAL OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE  
2 BOARD SHALL PAY A RENEWAL APPLICATION FEE OF \$50 TO THE LOCAL COLLECTING  
3 AGENT.

4 (4) THE BOARD MAY NOT RENEW AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE  
5 UNTIL THE LICENSEE HAS PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF  
6 RECEIPT FROM THE COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE THAT SHOWS THAT THERE ARE NOT  
7 UNPAID TAXES ON THE MERCHANDISE, FIXTURES, AND STOCK OF THE APPLICANT  
8 DUE TO THE COUNTY OR STATE.

9 (5) IF AN APPLICANT FAILS TO RENEW AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
10 LICENSE IN A TIMELY MANNER AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, THE APPLICANT  
11 SHALL PAY A LATE RENEWAL FEE OF \$100 IN ADDITION TO THE RENEWAL  
12 APPLICATION FEE OF \$50 REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

13 10-503.

14 (a) (1) In this section, "board" means the board of license commissioners or  
15 liquor control board, as the case may be, of the county or Baltimore City.

16 [(u) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section apply in Somerset County.]

17 (U) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

18 (2) THE BOARD MAY WAIVE THE PUBLICATION NOTICE REQUIRED  
19 UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF  
20 LICENSES BUT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO CLASS C CLUB LICENSES WHEN A PERSON  
21 WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE LICENSE BECOMES INELIGIBLE, PROVIDED THAT A  
22 NEW APPLICATION FOR THE SAME CLASS OF LICENSE IS PROPERLY FILED WITH THE  
23 BOARD WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERSON BECOMES INELIGIBLE.

24 (3) THE FEE FOR TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF A LICENSE IS \$50 IN  
25 ADDITION TO THE COST OF PUBLICATION, NOTICE, AND ANY HEARING FEES  
26 REQUIRED.

27 15-109.

28 (u) (1) In Somerset County each of the members of the Board, except the  
29 chairman, shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$2,000~~] \$3,000, and the chairman shall  
30 receive an annual salary of [~~\$2,500~~] \$3,500.

31 (2) The County Commissioners shall provide a sum sufficient to pay for  
32 the salaries of the members of the Board.

33 (3) The County Commissioners may provide a sum sufficient to pay for  
34 all expenses of the Board, including:

35 (i) Salaries of personnel other than members of the Board; and

1 (ii) Costs of printing, supplies, and other expenses related to the  
2 operation of the Board.

3 15-112.

4 (u) (1) This subsection applies only in Somerset County.

5 (2) The Board:

6 (i) Shall appoint a clerk to the Board at an annual salary of  
7 [\$2,500] \$3,500; and

8 (ii) May designate an attorney for the Board at an annual salary of  
9 [\$3,000] \$4,000.

10 16-101.

11 (b) (1) Subject to [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this  
12 subsection, the following persons may appeal a decision of a local licensing board to  
13 the circuit court of the county upon payment of all costs incident to the hearing before  
14 the local licensing board:

15 (i) Any alcoholic beverages licensee that holds a license issued by  
16 the local licensing board;

17 (ii) An applicant for an alcoholic beverages license that is the  
18 subject of the decision by the local licensing board; and

19 (iii) Any group of not less than 10 persons who are residents or real  
20 estate owners in the precinct or voting district in which the licensed place of business  
21 is located or proposed to be located.

22 (2) IN SOMERSET COUNTY, IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
23 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENT OF ALL  
24 COSTS INCIDENT TO THE HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
25 COMMISSIONERS, A PERSON THAT APPEALS A DECISION OF THE BOARD TO THE  
26 CIRCUIT COURT SHALL PAY TO THE BOARD AN APPEAL FEE OF \$100.

27 [(2)] (3) A licensee, license applicant, or group that appeals a decision of  
28 a local licensing board under paragraph (1) of this subsection, must be aggrieved by  
29 the decision of the board and must have appeared at the hearing of the board either in  
30 person, by a representative, or by the submission of a written document that was  
31 introduced at the hearing.

32 [(3)] (4) In Prince George's County, the governing body of the  
33 municipality in which the licensed place of business is located or proposed to be  
34 located may appeal therefrom to the circuit court of the county upon payment of all  
35 costs incident to the hearing before the Board of License Commissioners.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
2 read as follows:

3 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

4 3-101.

5 (a) (1) A Class A beer license shall be issued by the license issuing authority  
6 of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may  
7 keep for sale and sell beer at retail in any quantity to any consumers at the place  
8 described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer in a sealed package or  
9 container, which may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where  
10 sold.

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

13 (u) (1) This subsection applies in Somerset County.

14 (2) The annual license fee for a 6 day license is [~~\$100~~] \$110.

15 (3) The annual license fee for a 7 day license is [~~\$125~~] \$137.50.

16 (4) A person may not hold a license under the provisions of this section  
17 upon any premises having any direct or indirect connection with any drug or  
18 pharmaceutical dispensing business, or other business establishments of a type  
19 commonly known as or referred to as drugstore.

20 3-201.

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

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

27 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$200~~] \$220.

28 3-301.

29 (a) (1) A Class C beer license shall be issued by the local licensing authority  
30 of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may  
31 keep for sale and sell beer at retail to bona fide members and their guests, at any  
32 club, at the place described in the license for consumption on the premises only.

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



1 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [\$25] \$27.50.

2 3-401.

3 (a) (1) A Class D beer license shall be issued by the license issuing authority  
4 of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may  
5 keep for sale and sell beer at retail at the place described in the license. The beer may  
6 be consumed on the premises or elsewhere, but a license may not be issued for any  
7 drugstore.

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

10 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [\$200] \$220.

11 4-201.

12 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

13 (1) Anne Arundel County;

14 (2) Baltimore County;

15 (3) Calvert County;

16 (4) Caroline County;

17 (5) Carroll County;

18 (6) Cecil County;

19 (7) Dorchester County;

20 (8) Frederick County;

21 (9) Garrett County;

22 (10) Harford County;

23 (11) Montgomery County;

24 (12) Queen Anne's County;

25 (13) St. Mary's County;

26 (14) Somerset County;

27 (15) Talbot County; and

28 (16) Washington County.

1 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the annual fee for  
2 this license is \$50.

3 (2) In Montgomery County the annual license fee is \$100.

4 (3) In Garrett County, the issuing fee for this license is \$50.

5 (4) In Harford County, the annual fee for this license is \$100.

6 (5) In Caroline County, the annual fee for this license shall be set by the  
7 Board of License Commissioners with the approval of the Board of County  
8 Commissioners.

9 (6) IN SOMERSET COUNTY, THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THIS LICENSE IS \$55.

10 5-101.

11 (a) (1) A Class A beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license  
12 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of  
13 the license may keep for sale and sell beer and light wines at retail, in any quantity to  
14 any consumers, at the place described in the license. The holder shall deliver the beer  
15 and light wines in a sealed package or container, which package or container may not  
16 be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

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

19 (u) (1) This subsection applies only in Somerset County.

20 (2) The annual license fee for a 6 day license is [~~\$150~~] \$165.

21 (3) The annual license fee for a 7 day license is [~~\$175~~] \$192.50.

22 (4) A person may not hold a license under the provisions of this  
23 subsection upon any premises having any direct or indirect connection with any drug  
24 or pharmaceutical, or other business establishments of a type commonly known as or  
25 referred to as drugstore.

26 5-201.

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

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

33 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$200~~] \$220.

1 5-301.

2 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer  
3 and light wine license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in  
4 which the place of business is located. The holder of the license may keep for sale and  
5 sell beer and light wines at retail to bona fide members and their guests, at any club,  
6 at the place described in the license, for consumption on the premises only.

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

9 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$35~~] \$38.50.

10 5-401.

11 (a) (1) A Class D beer and light wine license shall be issued by the license  
12 issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license  
13 authorizes its holder to keep for sale and to sell beer and light wines at retail, at the  
14 place described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. The  
15 license may not be issued for any drugstore.

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

18 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$200~~] \$220.

19 6-201.

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

25 (2) The annual fee for this license is payable to the local collecting agent  
26 before any license is issued, for distribution as provided in this article.

27 (u) (1) This subsection applies only in Somerset County.

28 (2) The annual license fee is [~~\$1,000~~] \$1,100 for a restaurant [and] OR  
29 for a hotel.

30 6-301.

31 (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (n) of this section, a Class C beer,  
32 wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county  
33 in which the place of business is located. It authorizes the holder to keep for sale and  
34 sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at any club, at the place described in the license,  
35 for consumption on the premises only.

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

3           (3)     In this section, "board" means the board of commissioners for the  
4 jurisdiction to which the subsection applies.

5       (u)     (1)     This subsection applies only in Somerset County.

6           (2)     The annual license fee is [~~\$250~~] \$275.

7 6-401.

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

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

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

17       (u)     (1)     In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$1,000~~] \$1,100.

18 7-101.

19       (s)     (1)     This subsection applies only in Somerset County.

20           (2)     The Board of License Commissioners may grant special licenses of  
21 any class except manufacturer's and wholesaler's licenses.

22           (3)     The licenses entitle the holder to exercise any of the privileges  
23 conferred by the respective classes of licenses at any bona fide entertainment held or  
24 conducted by any club, society, association, or civic or charitable organization.

25           (4)     (i)     A special beer or beer and light wine license may be issued for  
26 up to 7 consecutive days.

27                   (ii)     A special beer, wine and liquor license may be issued for up to  
28 14 consecutive days.

29           (5)     (i)     The fee for a special beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine and  
30 liquor license is [~~\$50~~] \$55 for each license for an initial 2-day period.

31                   (ii)     After the initial 2-day period, the fee for each additional day is  
32 [~~\$25~~] \$27.50.

33           (6)     The fees shall be paid to the Board for the use of the county before the  
34 license is issued.

1 (7) The Board may not require the publication of an application for a  
2 special temporary alcoholic beverages license as a prerequisite to the granting of such  
3 a license.

4 8-312.

5 (a) The provisions of this section apply only in Somerset County.

6 (b) The Liquor Licensing Board may issue a special Maryland Wine Festival  
7 (MWF) license.

8 (c) An applicant for a special MWF license shall be a holder of a special  
9 temporary alcoholic beverages license, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4  
10 winery license.

11 (d) A special MWF licensee shall only display and sell wine that is produced  
12 and processed in Maryland.

13 (e) A special MWF license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine  
14 for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours  
15 designated for the Maryland Wine Festival.

16 (f) The license fee is [~~\$15~~] \$16.50.

17 (g) The provisions of this section do not prohibit the licensee from holding  
18 another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

19 (h) The Liquor Licensing Board:

20 (1) May select one weekend annually during the month of May or June  
21 for the Maryland Wine Festival; and

22 (2) Shall choose a location for this festival.

23 (i) The Liquor Licensing Board shall adopt regulations for implementing this  
24 section.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, §  
26 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to  
27 the salary or compensation of the chairman or members of the Somerset County  
28 Board of License Commissioners in office on the effective date of this Act, but the  
29 provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the chairman or  
30 members of the Somerset County Board of License Commissioners shall take effect at  
31 the beginning of the next following term of office.

32 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 July 1, 2006.