By: **Delegates Bozman and Conway** Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2006 Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

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2	2 Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Licenses							
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7	7 alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.							
8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,								
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18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF								
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:								
20 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages								
21	6-401.							
22	(y)	(1)	This s	ubsection	applies only in Worcester County.			
23		(2)	(i)	A Clas	ss D beer, wine and liquor license may be issued only			
24	within:							
25				1.	The corporate limits of Ocean City;			
26				2	The hours down lines of the 10th [stortion] TAVING district			
26				2.	The boundary lines of the 10th [election] TAXING district;			

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1 The [boundary lines of the 2nd precinct of the 3rd election 3. 2 district; and] AREA BOUNDED BY U.S. ROUTE 50 TO THE SOUTH, TURVILLE CREEK 3 AND HERRING CREEK TO THE EAST, ST. MARTIN RIVER TO THE NORTH, AND 4 MARYLAND ROUTE 589 TO THE WEST; 5 The area bounded by Maryland Route 589 to the north and 4. 6 east, U.S. Route 50 to the south, and U.S. Route 113 to the west[, all of which lie 7 within the 1st precinct of the 3rd election district]; AND 8 FROM THE INTERSECTION OF MARYLAND ROUTE 589 AND 5. 9 U.S. ROUTE 50, AN AREA BOUNDED BY A LINE THAT EXTENDS 1,500 FEET SOUTH OF 10 U.S. ROUTE 50, EAST TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE 10TH TAXING DISTRICT, NORTH 11 ALONG THE 10TH TAXING DISTRICT BOUNDARY TO U.S. ROUTE 50, AND WEST TO THE 12 INTERSECTION OF MARYLAND ROUTE 589 AND U.S. ROUTE 50. 13 (ii) The annual license fee for the six-day license [is] SET BY THE 14 WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$3,000. The annual license fee for the seven-day license [is] SET BY 15 (iii) 16 THE WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT BE LESS THAN \$3,500. 17 Seven-day license holders may sell beer, wine and liquor (iv) 18 (on-sale) and beer and light wine (off-sale). 19 (v) All license fees shall go to the general funds of the county. 20 However, if the licensed premises are in a municipal corporation, 75 percent of the 21 fees shall go to that municipal corporation. 22 All licensees shall purchase all wines and liquors, except light (vi) 23 wine and beer, from the Liquor Control Board for Worcester County. They shall be 24 charged 85 percent of the retail price or any special sale price or discount price, 25 whichever is lower, set by the Board for wines and liquors. However, the price the 26 Board charges to the licensees may not be lower than 10 percent above the cost the 27 Liquor Board must pay for the merchandise to wholesalers. All licensees may 28 purchase beer and light wine from licensed wholesalers. 29 The hours for sale are as provided in § 11-524 of this article. (vii) 30 With respect to the Ocean City Convention Hall, only the (viii) 31 Convention Hall Commission and its successors may be issued an alcoholic beverages 32 license. The Commission may permit its vendors to dispense alcoholic beverages 33 pursuant to whatever license the Commission is granted. Further, the Commission 34 may contract to receive some proportion of the revenue derived from the vendor's sale 35 of alcoholic beverages. This license shall be subject to the following restrictions: 1. This monopoly may not impinge upon the provisions of § 36 37 7-101(u)(5) of this article;

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2. Only on-sale transactions shall be permitted; and

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- Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be restricted to 1 3. 2 the premises.
- 3 SECTIO 4 July 1, 2006. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect