

# HOUSE BILL 62

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By: **Delegates Eckardt, Cane, and Haddaway**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2007

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Dorchester  
4 County to issue a Class D (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license; specifying a  
5 license fee; specifying that the license is for a certain period; requiring that  
6 alcoholic beverages sold under the license be consumed only on the licensed  
7 premises; prohibiting an individual under a certain age from being on the  
8 licensed premises; providing that only the Board may decide the number of  
9 Class D licenses to be issued; requiring the Board to determine whether the  
10 premises for which a Class D license is issued meets certain requirements;  
11 requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to  
12 alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 6-401(k)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
20 Section 9-210  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

4 6-401.

5 (k) (1) This [section does not apply] **SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY** in  
6 Dorchester County.

7 (2) **THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A**  
8 **CLASS D (ON-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

9 (3) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.**

10 (4) **A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS A 7 DAY**  
11 **LICENSE.**

12 (5) **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SOLD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY**  
13 **BE CONSUMED ONLY ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.**

14 (6) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS MAY**  
15 **NOT BE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.**

16 (7) **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-201 OF THIS ARTICLE, ONLY THE**  
17 **BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY DECIDE THE NUMBER OF CLASS D**  
18 **LICENSES TO BE ISSUED.**

19 (8) **THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL:**

20 (I) **DETERMINE WHETHER THE PREMISES FOR WHICH A**  
21 **CLASS D LICENSE IS ISSUED MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 9-210 OF THIS**  
22 **ARTICLE; AND**

23 (II) **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.**

24 9-210.

1           (a)     Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in Dorchester County,  
2 a new license may not be granted to sell any alcoholic beverage on any premises  
3 located within 300 feet of a church or public school.

4           (b)     Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the granting of a license  
5 for a premises located within the restricted distance if a license to sell alcoholic  
6 beverages on the premises existed as of October 1, 1996.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 2007.