

# HOUSE BILL 121

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By: **Delegate Elmore**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2007

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing by a certain amount the annual fees for all retail  
4 alcoholic beverages licenses in Somerset County; and generally relating to  
5 alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

8 Section 3-101(u), 3-201(u), 3-301(u), 3-401(u), 4-201(b)(6), 5-101(u), 5-201(u),  
9 5-301(u), 5-401(u), 6-201(u)(2), 6-301(u)(2), 6-401(u), 7-101(s)(5), and  
10 8-312(f)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 3-201(a)(1), 3-301(a)(1), 3-401(a)(1), 4-201(a)(15), 5-201(a)(1),  
16 5-301(a)(1), 5-401(a)(1), 6-201(a)(1) and (u)(1), 6-301(a)(1) and (u)(1),  
17 6-401(a)(1), 7-101(s)(1), and 8-312(a) and (b)

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 3-101.

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

3 (2) The annual license fee for a 6 day license is [~~\$110~~] **\$126**.

4 (3) The annual license fee for a 7 day license is [~~\$137.50~~] **\$158**.

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

9 3-201.

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

14 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$220~~] **\$253**.

15 3-301.

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

20 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$27.50~~] **\$32**.

21 3-401.

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

27 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$220~~] **\$253**.

1 4-201.

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

3 (15) Somerset County;

4 (b) (6) In Somerset County, the annual fee for this license is [~~\$55~~] **\$63**.

5 5-101.

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

7 (2) The annual license fee for a 6 day license is [~~\$165~~] **\$190**.

8 (3) The annual license fee for a 7 day license is [~~\$192.50~~] **\$221**.

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

13 5-201.

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

18 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$220~~] **\$253**.

19 5-301.

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

25 (u) In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$38.50~~] **\$45**.

26 5-401.

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

6           (u)   In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$220~~] **\$253**.

7   6–201.

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

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

14                   (2)   The annual license fee is [~~\$1,100~~] **\$1,265** for a restaurant or for a  
15 hotel.

16   6–301.

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

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

23                   (2)   The annual license fee is [~~\$275~~] **\$316**.

24   6–401.

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

30           (u)   (1)   In Somerset County the annual license fee is [~~\$1,100~~] **\$1,265**.

1                   (2)     Spirituous liquors may be sold for on-sale consumption only, but  
2 beer and wine may be sold for both on- and off-sale consumption.

3     7-101.

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

5                   (5)     (i)     The fee for a special beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine  
6 and liquor license is [~~\$55~~] **\$63** for each license for an initial 2-day period.

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

9     8-312.

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

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

13           (f)     The license fee is [~~\$16.50~~] **\$19**.

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