

# HOUSE BILL 121

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By: **Delegate Elmore**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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 3–101.

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

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

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

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

12 3–201.

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

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

18 3–301.

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

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

24 3–401.

25 (a) (1) A Class D beer license shall be issued by the license issuing  
26 authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The holder of the  
27 license may keep for sale and sell beer at retail at the place described in the license.

1 The beer may be consumed on the premises or elsewhere, but a license may not be  
2 issued for any drugstore.

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

4 4–201.

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

6 (15) Somerset County;

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

8 5–101.

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

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

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

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

16 5–201.

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

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

22 5–301.

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

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

2 5-401.

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

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

9 6-201.

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

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

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

18 6-301.

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

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

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

26 6-401.

27 (a) (1) A Class D beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the  
28 license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. It

1 authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the  
2 place described in it, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. A license may not  
3 be issued for any drugstore.

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

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

7 7-101.

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

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

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

13 8-312.

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.