

CHAPTER 374

(House Bill 62)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D License

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

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6–401.

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

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

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

(4) A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS A ~~7-DAY~~ 7-DAY LICENSE.

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

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

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

(8) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL:

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

(II) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

9-210.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.