

CHAPTER 376

(House Bill 80)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Minimum Seating Capacity for Licensed Restaurants

FOR the purpose of lowering the minimum seating capacity requirement for restaurants in Wicomico County for which a Class B beer, wine and liquor license is issued; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–201(a)(1) and (x)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–201(x)(2)(iv)1.C.
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

6–201.

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

(x) (1) This subsection applies only in Wicomico County.

(2) (iv) 1. This license may be issued only to a restaurant that:

C. Has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including seats at bars or counters) for [75] **40** or more persons seated comfortably and adequately and shall meet the minimum requirements of the fire code applicable to the jurisdiction where the restaurant is located; and

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.