

HOUSE BILL 198

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By: **Delegate Elmore**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses, Fees, and Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license in
4 Somerset County to sell beer and wine for both on and off-sale consumption;
5 altering the fee for a special beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine and liquor
6 license; altering the maximum fine for a violation of alcoholic beverages laws
7 that is cause for license suspension; and generally relating to alcoholic
8 beverages in Somerset County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 5–401(a)(1) and 7–101(s)(1) and (4)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 5–401(u), 7–101(s)(5)(i), and 16–507(u)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

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 5-401.

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

7 (u) (I) In Somerset County the annual license fee is \$253.

8 (II) **BEER AND WINE MAY BE SOLD FOR BOTH ON- AND**
9 **OFF-SALE CONSUMPTION.**

10 7-101.

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

12 (4) (i) A special beer or beer and light wine license may be issued
13 for up to 7 consecutive days.

14 (ii) A special beer, wine and liquor license may be issued for up
15 to 14 consecutive days.

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

18 16-507.

19 (u) In Somerset County the Board of License Commissioners may impose a
20 fine of not more than [\$2,000] **\$4,000** or suspend a license or both for any violation
21 that is cause for suspension under the alcoholic beverage laws affecting Somerset
22 County.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 June 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.