

# HOUSE BILL 476

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By: **Delegate Elmore**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - Prohibition on Sale of Beer -**  
3 **Limitation**

4 FOR the purpose of restricting in Somerset County the restriction on the sale of beer  
5 to dispensaries in certain election districts; and generally relating to alcoholic  
6 beverages in Somerset County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 15-203(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 15-203.

16 (a) (1) The liquor control boards may establish and maintain stores to be  
17 known as "county liquor dispensaries", for the sale of any sparkling or fortified wine  
18 and any other alcoholic beverages containing more than 14 percent of alcohol by  
19 volume, in sealed packages or containers. These packages or containers may not be  
20 opened nor their contents consumed upon the premises where sold.

21 (2) In Montgomery County they may sell any alcoholic beverages.

22 (3) In the following counties they may sell any alcoholic beverages  
23 except beer:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Somerset, **AT THE CRISFIELD ELECTION DISTRICT AND**  
2 **WEST PRINCESS ANNE ELECTION DISTRICT DISPENSARIES;** and

3 (ii) Worcester.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 2008.