

CHAPTER 52

(House Bill 198)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

5-401.

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

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

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

7-101.

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

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

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

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

16-507.

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.