

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1237
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Purchases” in line 2 down through “Wholesalers” in line 3 and substitute “Wine and Liquor Purchasing Option”; in line 7, strike “under the general supervision of the chief administrative officer”; in line 9, after “Department;” insert “specifying that the director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Department;”; in line 13, after “beverages;” insert “repealing the minimum price for certain merchandise that the Department must charge to licensees;”; in line 17, strike “providing for an annual fee;”; in line 19, strike the first “a” and substitute “, to the”; in the same line, after the first “licensee” insert a comma; and strike beginning with “providing” in line 23 down through “Department;” in line 24.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “and (g)(2)”; in line 6, strike “8-224(g)(3)” and substitute “8-224(g)”; in line 7, after “(b)(1),” insert “(e)(2)”; in line 12, strike “8-224(g)(4) and”; and in the same line, strike “(e)(2)(iv),”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 28, after “charged” insert “NOT MORE THAN”; strike beginning with “However,” in line 30 down through “wholesalers.” in line 32; in line 34, strike “IN” and substitute “ON MAY 1,”; and strike beginning with “ALL” in line 34 down through “**WHOLESALEERS**” in line 35, and substitute “A LICENSEE MAY ELECT TO PURCHASE WINE AND LIQUOR FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 6, after “receive” insert “AT LEAST”; strike beginning with “However,” in line 7 down through the first “wholesalers.” in line 10; strike beginning with “ALL” in line 11 down through “**WHOLESALEERS**” in line 12 and substitute “A

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LICENSEE MAY ELECT TO PURCHASE WINE AND LIQUOR FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER"; in lines 11 and 25, in each instance, strike "IN" and substitute "ON MAY 1,"; in line 19, after "charged" insert "NOT MORE THAN"; strike beginning with "However," in line 21 down through the first "wholesalers." in line 24; and strike beginning with "ALL" in line 25 down through "WHOLESALERS" in line 26, and substitute "A LICENSEE MAY ELECT TO PURCHASE WINE AND LIQUOR FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER"; after line 29, insert:

"(g) (1) (I) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A licensee shall purchase all alcoholic beverages, except light wine and beer, from the [Liquor Control Board] WORCESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL.

(II) BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2016, A LICENSEE MAY ELECT TO PURCHASE WINE AND LIQUOR FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER OR MAY CONTINUE TO PURCHASE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, EXCEPT LIGHT WINE AND BEER, FROM THE WORCESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL.";

and in line 30, strike "(g)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, in line 8, after "receive" insert "AT LEAST"; strike beginning with "However," in line 9 down through "wholesalers." in line 12; in line 14, strike "IN" and substitute "ON MAY 1,"; strike beginning with "ALL" in line 14 down through "WHOLESALERS" in line 15, and substitute "A LICENSEE MAY ELECT TO PURCHASE WINE AND LIQUOR FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER"; and strike beginning with "UNDER" in line 33 down through "COUNTY" in line 34.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, in line 4, strike “APPLIES” and substitute “APPLY”; and after line 29, insert:

- “(i) Garrett County 6 years
- “(ii) Harford County 3 years
- “(iii) Somerset County 4 years”.

On page 7, in line 32, strike “OF” and substitute “FOR”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, in line 4, after “(3)” insert “(I)”; in the same line, strike “JANUARY” and substitute “MAY”; in line 6, strike “IN A CALENDAR YEAR”; strike beginning with the colon in line 6 down through “DETERMINES” in line 11 and substitute “PROVIDING WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE LICENSEE’S INTENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE THE PURCHASING ACTIVITY IS TO START”; and in lines 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 21, strike “(4)”, “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(II)”, “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 9, in line 9, strike “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” and substitute “WINE AND LIQUOR”; in line 14, strike “is” and substitute “are”; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 34, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any person registered, certified, issued a permit, or granted other authorization by the Liquor Control Board for Worcester County is considered for all purposes to be registered, certified, issued a permit, or granted other authorization by the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control for the duration of the term for which the registration, certification, or permit was issued or other authorization was granted.”;

in lines 35 and 39, strike “5.” and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “4.” and “5.”, respectively; and in line 40, strike “October” and substitute “July”.