

Chapter 113

(Senate Bill 967)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an individual for use at a certain store or certain establishments under certain conditions; providing that a certain distance restriction expires on the earlier of certain dates; providing that the license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at the place described in the license for off–premises consumption under certain conditions; providing for an annual license fee and hours and days of sale; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 33–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 33–901

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 33–2005(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

33–102.

This title applies only in Worcester County.

33–901.

(A) [A] **THERE IS A Class A beer, wine, and liquor license [may not be issued in the County].**

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR USE AT:

(I) A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL;

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ESTABLISHMENT OUTSIDE A 10-BLOCK RADIUS OF A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL THAT IS IN OCEAN CITY; OR

(III) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ESTABLISHMENT OUTSIDE A 1-MILE RADIUS OF A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL THAT IS NOT IN OCEAN CITY.

(2) A DISTANCE RESTRICTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OR (III) OF THIS SUBSECTION ON ISSUING LICENSES TO ESTABLISHMENTS EXPIRES ON THE EARLIER OF:

(I) JULY 1, 2017; OR

(II) THE DATE A LICENSE IS ISSUED FOR USE BY A STORE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL TO WHICH THE DISTANCE RESTRICTION APPLIES.

~~(B)~~ **(C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE.**

(2) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL SELL THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN A SEALED PACKAGE OR CONTAINER.

(3) THE PACKAGE OR CONTAINER MAY NOT BE OPENED AND ITS CONTENTS MAY NOT BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES WHERE THE BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR IS SOLD.

~~(C)~~ **(D) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$4,500.**

33-2005.

(A) A HOLDER OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.