

HOUSE BILL 291

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2019

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Liquor Control Board Reserve Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the Somerset County Liquor Control Board reserve fund;
4 increasing the maximum amount of money the Liquor Control Board may distribute
5 from the reserve fund to a dispensary; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
6 in Somerset County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 29–102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 29–310

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 (As enacted by Chapter 41 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 29–102.

22 This title applies only in Somerset County.

23 29–310.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The Liquor Control Board shall apply proceeds derived from the operation of
2 dispensaries first toward the repayment of money advanced to or borrowed by the Liquor
3 Control Board.

4 (b) (1) After repayment under subsection (a) of this section, the Liquor Control
5 Board may maintain a reserve fund not exceeding ~~[\$150,000]~~ **\$300,000** to:

6 (i) provide adequate working capital; and

7 (ii) cover any losses sustained by the Liquor Control Board in
8 operating the dispensaries.

9 (2) The Liquor Control Board may distribute up to ~~[\$50,000]~~ **\$100,000**
10 from the reserve fund to each dispensary.

11 (c) Of the proceeds generated by the dispensaries in excess of the amount
12 required to maintain the reserve fund, the Liquor Control Board annually shall distribute:

13 (1) by May 1, to the county:

14 (i) 75% of the remaining proceeds generated by the dispensaries in
15 Crisfield and the West Princess Anne election districts; and

16 (ii) all of the remaining proceeds generated by the dispensary in the
17 Dublin election district; and

18 (2) by June 1, to the City of Crisfield and the Town of Princess Anne, in
19 equal amounts, 25% of the remaining proceeds generated by the dispensaries in Crisfield
20 and the West Princess Anne election districts.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2019.