- (a) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the place of business is located, or by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Baltimore City, if the place of business is located in said city, and shall authorize the holder thereof to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at any hotel or restaurant at the place therein described, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere, except in Dorchester, Kent and Queen Anne's counties where consumption of wine and liquor shall be on the premises only and in Frederick County where consumption is as otherwise provided herein. The annual fee for such a license shall be seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), except as hereinafter provided, and shall be payable to said clerk, before any such license is issued, for distribution as hereinafter provided.
- (f-1/2) (1) In Frederick County the annual fee for such a license is fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a restaurant and fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a hotel.
- Such a license may be issued to a bona fide hotel which ANY HOTEL MEETING THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF SUB-SECTION (O) OF THIS SECTION MAY ELECT TO BE ISSUED A LICENSE UNDER THAT SUBSECTION, OR ANY BONA FIDE HOTEL MAY ELECT TO BE ISSUED A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF IT MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIRE-MENTS: (i) is an establishment for the accommodation of the public providing service ordinarily found in hotels, (ii) is equipped with not fewer than twenty-five (25) rooms, a lobby with registration and wall desk, seating facilities and a dining room which serves full-course meals at least twice daily and which has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including seats at bars or counters) for fifty (50) or more persons, and (iii) is operated in a physical plant which has a valuation for purposes of State and local assessment and taxation of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) and which has a valuation of personal property for purposes of State and local assessment and taxation of not less than three thousand dollars (\$3000), (AND (IV) HAS ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD (AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN) WHICH EXCEEDS ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEV-ERAGES, ALL AS CERTIFIED BY AN AUDIT AS IS REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION. This license in a hotel does not permit sales at bars or counters, or sales for consumption anywhere except inside the building in ON THE PREMISES ON which the meals are prepared and served. This license is not transferable.
- (3) Such a license may be issued to a restaurant which meets the following requirements and conditions: (i) Serves full-course meals at least twice daily; (ii) has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including seats at bars or counters) for fifty (50) or more persons and (iii) is operated in a physical plant which has a valuation for purposes of State and local assessment and taxation of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and which has a valuation of personal property for purposes of State and local assessment and taxation of not less than three thousand (\$3,000)