

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.*

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 158

(Senate Bill 574)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 (1) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," amending the alcoholic beverage laws for Wicomico County in order to make changes in the beer, wine and liquor licenses available for restaurants therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 19 (1) of Article 2B of the Annotated of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

19.

(1-1). (1) In Wicomico County the annual fee for such a license shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a restaurant and fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a hotel.

(2) Such a license may be issued in Wicomico County to a bona fide hotel which (i) is an establishment for the accommodation of the public providing services ordinarily found in hotels, (ii) is equipped with not fewer than twenty-five rooms, a lobby with registration and mail desk and seating facilities and a dining room which serves full-course meals at least twice daily. This license in a hotel does not permit sales at bars or counters, nor for consumption off the premises.

(3) Such a license may be issued in Wicomico County 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 seventy-five or more persons; (iii) [has been in full-time operation as a restaurant for not less than two years immediately preceding the time application is made for a license; (iv)] serves alcoholic beverages only during or in connection with meals, with patrons seated at tables and not at bars or counters; [(v)] *(iv) during the effective period of the license has [had] daily average receipts from the sale of food in excess of those for the sale of alcoholic beverages [, during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the application for a license; (vi)]*; *(v) has an applicant or applicants for the license who has or have been a bona fide resident or residents of Wicomico County for not less than five years immediately preceding the filing of the application, and who has or have been a registered voter or voters of Wicomico County for not less than one year immediately preceding the filing of the application. This license in a restaurant does not permit sales at bars or counters, nor for consumption anywhere except inside the building and only in the restau-*