

rant area in which meals are prepared and served, AND NOWHERE ELSE INSIDE THE BUILDING. Before such a license is issued OR RENEWED the board of license commissioners shall make a physical inspection of the proposed licensed premises and shall satisfy themselves of the moral character ~~and~~, financial responsibility, AND ADEQUACY OF INVESTMENT of the applicant, the appropriateness of the location AND SUITABILITY OF DESIGN OF THE BUILDING where the licensed business is to be conducted, taking into consideration the number of licenses already issued, and generally as to the applicant's fitness to engage in the business.

(4) A license under this section does not permit sales at a dance. In no event shall a licensee sell alcoholic beverages in that portion of the premises where a dance is in progress, or knowingly sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed in said portion of the premises where a dance is in progress.

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

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 159

(Senate Bill 575)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 277 (m) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Recordation Tax," increasing the rate of tax applicable to certain instruments recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for ~~Wicomico County~~, ALLEGANY, DORCHESTER AND GARRETT COUNTIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 277 (m) of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Recordation Tax," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

277.

(m) The rate of tax applicable to instruments recorded with the clerk of the circuit court for Baltimore, Calvert, Montgomery, St. Mary's, *Wicomico*, ALLEGANY, GARRETT, DORCHESTER, Worcester and Anne Arundel counties shall be as follows:

In the case of instruments conveying title to property, the tax shall be at the rate of \$1.10 for each \$500 or fractional part thereof of the actual consideration paid or to be paid; in the case of instruments securing a debt, the tax shall be at the rate of \$1.10 for each \$500 of the principal amount of the debt secured.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed*