

## CHAPTER 153

(House Bill 498)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(m) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," to reduce the requirement for obtaining a seven-day license in the tenth election district of Worcester County in regards to restaurants.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 19(m) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

19.

(m) In Worcester County six-day licenses may be issued to bona fide hotels having twenty (20) or more rooms, regularly serving meals, or restaurants having a table seating capacity of seventy (70) or more persons, upon payment of an annual fee of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00); in case the premises to be licensed are located within any incorporated town, the application requires approval by the mayor and city council of the town, in addition to approval by the licensing authority; this license shall entitle the licensee to serve beer, wine and liquor as provided by this article on six days of the week, excluding Sunday. In the tenth election district of the county only, a seven-day license may be issued upon payment of an annual fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), subject to the approval of the mayor and city council of any incorporated town as provided above, in addition to approval by the licensing authority, which license shall authorize sales as provided by this article on seven days of the week.

The hours of sale under these licenses shall be as provided by the applicable provisions of Section 106 of this article.

For the purpose of qualifying for a seven-day license in the tenth election district of the county, in addition to the definition of a hotel or a restaurant elsewhere in this section, a hotel is an establishment for the accommodation of the public, providing services ordinarily found in hotels, is equipped with no fewer than twenty rooms, a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities, and an enclosed dining room which serves full-course meals from menus at least twice daily; and a restaurant shall be an establishment with an enclosed dining area that has a seating capacity at tables, not including seats at bars or counters, for seventy or more persons; serves full-course meals from menus at least twice daily; *and during the effective period of the license has daily average receipts from the sale of food in excess of those for the sale of alcoholic beverages.* [has been in operation as a restaurant during the year immediately preceding the time the application for license is made; and has had daily average receipts from the sale of food in excess of sales of alcoholic beverages during the said year.] All of said licensees shall purchase all liquors and wines from the liquor control board