

exception of two assistant sheriffs, who may be appointed by the Sheriff and serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff, the assistant sheriffs shall be considered line officers if so designated by the Sheriff. Deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed prior to, and still on duty as of June 1, 1967 shall be qualified and employed under the county's merit system as to qualifications, compensation and other regulations.

All deputy sheriffs are required to complete a minimum of three hundred hours (300) of classroom training at an academy recognized by the police training commission within the first year of employment to be effective on January 2, 1973.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the sheriff in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the sheriff shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 26, 1973.

CHAPTER 170

(House Bill 1170)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20(m-2) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," to increase in Wicomico County the number of special Sunday licenses for certain clubs holding a Class C beer, wine and liquor license, and to make this Act an emergency measure.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 20 (m-2) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

20.

(m-2) (1) In Wicomico County the annual fee for such a license shall be \$250 annually for a club with from 50 to 399 bona fide, dues-paying members, \$500 annually for a club with from 400 to 599 such members, and \$750 annually for a club with 600 or more members. Provided that the license fee shall be established on the maximum number of dues-paying members during the calendar year immediately preceding the application for a license.

(2) Such a license may be issued in Wicomico County for a bona fide, nonprofit fraternal, social or veterans' club which (i) has been incorporated for a period of not less than five years immediately prior to the filing of the application; (ii) is in a clubhouse or premises used principally for a club and neither directly nor indirectly operated as a public business; (iii) has had at least 100 bona fide, dues-paying members during the one year immediately prior to the filing of the application, except that if the club is composed solely of members who served in the armed forces of the United States, a minimum of 50 such members are sufficient; (iv) has facilities for preparing and serving food on the premises to the members and their