

it, in its discretion, deems necessary in order to establish that the requirements of this section relating to the ratio of gross receipts from the sale of food to those from the sale of alcoholic beverages have been met. For the purposes of this section the term "dining area" shall be defined as the area occupied by patrons for the purpose of the consumption of food, and may include service in a room of a registered guest in a hotel if the hotel meets the minimum requirements as set forth in § 19 [(o)] (P) of this article, and may include also a cocktail area where food need not be served provided there is no separate outdoor entrance to the cocktail area. A license issued under this subsection shall authorize the holder thereof to keep for sale and sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises only, and no alcoholic beverages shall be served to patrons or consumed at any bar, counter without seats, or other room but in the dining area as above defined, and provided further that the seats provided in such cocktail area may not exceed 25 percent of the seats normally available for the general public in the "dining area," including the cocktail area portion thereof, but excluding special banquet and private party facilities. No signs, visible from the exterior of the building, advertising the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in connection with any restaurant or hotel holding a license issued hereunder except the display of the menu then in use by the licensee. The annual license fee for such a license shall be \$2,000.

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In Garrett County, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle and except on Sundays and New Year's Day, holders of any class licenses issued under this article may not sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day of the week or at any time on Sunday after 2 a.m. However, this section is subject to the provisions of § 89 [(i)] (J) of this article regarding sales on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day regardless of the day of the week on which December 31 and January 1 fall.

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In Harford County, notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, licensees, under this article shall only sell, offer for sale, or dispense the beverages defined in this article, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 2 o'clock a.m. on Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 12:00 noon[,] on Sunday and 2 o'clock a.m. on the day following and shall not sell alcoholic beverages during any other hours or at any other time on Sundays unless that Sunday is New Year's Day. No beer or light wine shall be permitted to be drunk on the premises of a licensee after fifteen (15)