

Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Berlin and Ocean City, and in [the surrounding areas of the election districts in which these four municipalities are situated] ANY RURAL AREAS THAT MAY BE APPROVED BY THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY.

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(h) (1) All net profits arising from the operation of [said] THESE dispensaries [shall be] ARE first applied towards the payment of any and all sums advanced to or borrowed by the liquor control board. After [such] THESE sums [have been] ARE paid, the [said] board [shall be] IS authorized to create and maintain a reserve fund not to exceed [\$5,000.00] [[\$5,000]] \$50,000, to provide adequate working capital and to meet any losses that may be sustained by the board in the operation of [such] THESE dispensaries. Fifty [per centum (50%)] PERCENT of all net profits in excess of the above [shall belong] BELONGS to and [be] IS paid over to the County Commissioners of Worcester County on or before June [1st] 1, in each and every year, and the remaining [fifty per centum (50%)] shall 50 PERCENT on or before June [1st] 1, each year, [be] IS paid to the mayor and city council of Berlin, Ocean City, Pocomoke City and Snow Hill in proportion to the net profits on total sales of the dispensaries SITUATED in each of these municipalities and in [the surrounding areas of the election districts in which these municipalities are situated] AND IN THE RURAL AREAS OUTSIDE OF THOSE MUNICIPALITIES THE NET PROFITS SHALL GO TO THE GENERAL FUNDS OF WORCESTER COUNTY.

(2) The amounts paid to the mayor and council of Berlin, Ocean City, Pocomoke City, and Snow Hill shall be used for general municipal purposes.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1976, contingent upon the failure to take effect by referendum of Chapter of the Acts of 1976 (House Bill Number 2104), Worcester County-Alcoholic Beverages (County Liquor Dispensary), and if Chapter becomes effective by referendum, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the the General Assembly.

SECTION [[2]] 3. 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 by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage subject to the provisions of Section 2.

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