filed. Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder and any contract of purchase OR OTHER EXPENDITURE shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but the County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids. Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section is void. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of County funds in any authorized State or Federal Banking Institution and do not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency. This section does not apply to the purchase of tangible personal property at a public auction.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 12, 1977.

## CHAPTER 147

(House Bill 1601)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Issuance of License)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage licenses in Worcester County unless certain requirements are met; making this Act apply only to certain licenses net-new in effect; exempting certain licenseholders; generally relating to the issuance of licenses in Worcester County; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY adding to

Article 2B — Alcoholic Beverages Section 40(f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 40(f) be and it is hereby added to Article 2B — Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Eeverages