Section 40 (e) and 41 (k) and (1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 40 (e) and 41 (k) and (l) of Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

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(e) In Wicomico County, [no] A beer, wine and liquor, Class A (off-sale) [shall] MAY NOT be issued to an individual or partnership unless they have been bona fide residents of the county for two years next preceding the application for either license. [No] A beer, wine and liquor license, Class A (off-sale) [shall] MAY NOT be issued to any corporation unless the applicants (1) own or are owners of 75 percent of the total issued capital stock of the corporation, and (2) are bona fide residents of Wicomico County for two years next preceding the application for either license.

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- (k) The provisions of subsections (a) and (a-1) of this section do not apply to licenses issued under §19 of this article if: (1) [The] THE resident applicant has been a resident of Wicomico County for at least two years prior to the application, and (2) the minimum capital investment in the premises is at least \$200,000 or the premises have a fair market value of at least \$200,000.
- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, Wicomico County may issue an additional Class A beer, wine and liquor license for any premise required under a Class B beer, wine and liquor license[,] upon the payment of the prescribed fees for each class of license. The area of the licensed premises normally used as a restaurant for the preparation and consumption of food and beverages on the premises may occupy no less than 80 percent of the square foot area.

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

Approved April 29, 1977.