

State economy, the reliability of the State's energy supply, and the cost of energy for consumers as a result of the State's entry into and continued participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative among Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states.

(b) The study shall:

(1) evaluate whether the State's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative has or may have an adverse impact on:

(i) the preservation and enhancement of the economic welfare of the residents of the State;

(ii) the maintenance of a safe and reliable electric power supply in the State;

(iii) the adequacy of the energy supply in the State, including the potential for power plant shutdowns;

(iv) the ability of persons who own, lease, operate, or control an affected facility to compete in neighboring states; or

(v) electric rates for residents of the State; and

(2) take into consideration:

(i) the number of states that are included as full participants in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative;

(ii) the mix of energy resources in the states that are included as full participants in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; and

(iii) the availability of credits among participating states.

(c) On or before January 1, 2008, the Department shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the findings of the study contracted for under this section.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3, AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

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## CHAPTER 302

### (House Bill 202)

AN ACT concerning

**Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Fees and Miscellaneous Provisions**

FOR the purpose of increasing certain fees relating to alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Somerset County; establishing a certain fee for the transfer or