CHAPTER 454

(House Bill 711)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages License

FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for a Cecil County hotel-restaurant alcoholic beverages license; and providing that this Act does not apply to certain licensees, their renewals, and certain license transfers; and clarifying certain language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages Section 32(i) Annotated Code of Maryland (1987 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

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(i) In Cecil County the board of license commissioners are authorized—to MAY approve the issue of an additional license, to be known as a motel—restaurant complex or hotel—restaurant complex license, covering "on—sales" of beer, wine and liquor to any person. The fee for any such license shall be fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) annually. Such licenses shall be issued only to the person, firm, or corporation owning or leasing motel—restaurant complexes or hotel—restaurant complexes that have a capital investment of not less than [\$500,000.00] \$500,000 IN THE BUILDINGS EXCLUDING THE LAND and an enclosed dining room which serves full—course meals from menus at least twice daily. The license holder shall be responsible for full compliance with all applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations, notwithstanding any lease or contractual provisions to the contrary.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act limiting the capital investment to buildings only as a qualification for license applicants on or after July 1, 1988 do not include motel-restaurant or hotel-restaurant complexes licensed on July 1, 1988 or subsequent renewals or transfers of ownership of those premises.