

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 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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(x) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES SOLELY TO WICOMICO COUNTY.

(2) (1) THIS PARAGRAPH (2) APPLIES SOLELY TO HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LICENSES.

[(1)](II) [In Wicomico County the] THE annual fee for this license is \$1,000 for a restaurant and \$1,500 for a hotel.

[(2)](III) This license may be issued [in Wicomico County] to a bona fide hotel which (i) is an establishment for the accommodation of the public providing services ordinarily found in hotels, (ii) is equipped with not fewer than 25 rooms, a lobby with registration and mail desk and seating facilities and a dining room which serves full-course meals at least twice daily. This license in a hotel does not permit sales for consumption off the premises.

[(3)](IV) This license may be issued [in Wicomico County] to a restaurant which is a business establishment for the accommodation of the public, fully equipped with a proper and adequate dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals and which has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including seats at bars or counters) for 75 or more persons seated comfortably and adequately, allowing 15 square feet per person, wherein the average daily receipts from the sale of foods for each month exceeds the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. In calculating average daily receipts from the sale of foods, no allocation of food stuff contained in any mixed drink may be included in average daily receipts from the sale of food. The seating and square foot requirements contained herein shall not affect present Class B beer, wine and liquor licensees. This license requires the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption only on the inside of the restaurant premises.

[(4) (i)] (V) 1. Except for the purchase of beer and light wine, the holder shall purchase all of the alcoholic beverages that are sold for consumption on the premises from the County dispensary.

[(ii)]2. The County dispensary may not charge the holder more than 15 percent above the wholesale operation cost to the dispensary for each item that the holder purchases.

[(5) (i)] (VI) 1. "Lounge area" means a room or area that includes:

[1.] A. A bar where alcoholic beverages are served; and

[2.] B. An entertainment facility in the same room or area as the bar, although entertainment need not be in progress.