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(a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the [clerk of the circuit court] LICENSE ISSUING AUTHORITY of the county in which the place of business is located, and the license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at any hotel or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere, or as provided in [the following subsections. The] THIS SECTION.

(2) THE annual fee for this license is payable to the [clerk,] LOCAL COLLECTING AGENT before any license is issued, for distribution as provided in this article.

[(2)](3) (i) Except IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY OR in the case of a contrary provision in [any other section or subsection of] this subtitle, this license shall be issued [by the clerk upon the advice and], ON approval of the APPLICATION BY THE board of license commissioners in any county[, except Montgomery County,] in which a license may be issued for the sale of beer, wine and liquor, to the owner of any hotel which meets the following minimum provisions:

1. The hotel building shall be originally constructed for hotel purposes; be at least three stories in height; and contain at least one passenger elevator.

2. The hotel shall contain no less than 100 rooms for the accommodation of the public.

3. The hotel shall contain a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals for at least 125 persons at one seating.

4. The capital investment in the hotel facility may not be less than \$500,000.

(ii) The annual fee for this license is \$2,000.

(l) (1) (ii) Any hotel meeting the minimum requirements of [§ 19(a)(2)] SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION may elect to be issued a license under that subsection, or any bona fide hotel may elect to be issued a license under this subsection if it:

1. Is an establishment for the accommodation of the public providing service ordinarily found in hotels,

2. Is equipped with not fewer than 25 rooms, a lobby with registration and mail desk, seating facilities and a dining room which serves full-course meals at least twice daily and which has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including seats at bars or counters) for 50 or more persons; and