

FOR the purpose of granting the Washington County Board of License Commissioners authority to impose or alter certain fees and to both fine and suspend the license of certain licensees; clarifying language and structure; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6–301(w), 10–503(w), and 16–507(w)(1) and (2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6–301.

(w) (1) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

(2) The annual license fee is:

(I) \$500 FOR CLUBS WITH LESS THAN 600 MEMBERS (INCLUDING SOCIAL MEMBERS); AND

(II) \$1,000 FOR CLUBS WITH 600 OR MORE MEMBERS (INCLUDING SOCIAL MEMBERS).

(3) (i) There is a special Class C golf and country club license. Upon the approval by the Board of License Commissioners, it shall be issued to any golf and country club in the County which:

1. Has 200 or more bona fide members paying dues of not less than \$30 per annum per member, whether or not the club is operated for profit; and

2. Maintains a regular or championship golf course of 9 holes or more.

(ii) 1. The licensee may keep for sale and sell at retail any alcoholic beverages to bona fide members of the club and their guests at the place described in the license.

2. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only on the premises and grounds of the club.

3. The annual license fee for a golf and country club license is \$1,000 for the license year commencing in May of each year.

4. The application for a license filed on behalf of any such golf and country club shall be signed by 3 officers of the club.