

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

9-102.

(a) No more than one license provided by this article, except by way of renewal OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (j)(4) OF THIS SECTION, shall be issued in any county or Baltimore City, to any person, or for the use of any partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company, in Baltimore City or any county of the State, and no more than one license shall be issued for the same premises except as provided in §§ 2-201 through 2-208 and 2-301 and nothing herein shall be construed to apply to subsections (b) and (c) of § 7-101 or to § 12-202 (pertaining to special music or dancing licenses for Anne Arundel County) of this article.

(j) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

(2) (I) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section [in Worcester County], the holder of a Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants) beer, wine and liquor license or Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants) beer and light wine license under this article, by making application in the regular manner and paying the usual fee may obtain additional Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants) beer, wine and liquor or Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants) beer and light wine licenses for premises used and occupied as a bona fide restaurant, as may be defined by the rules and regulations of the Board of License Commissioners [for Worcester County, provided that said].

(II) THE restaurant [has] SHALL HAVE a minimum [capital]:

1. CAPITAL investment of \$150,000.00 for restaurant facilities, which [sum shall] DOES not include the cost of land or buildings[,]; and [has a minimum seating]

2. SEATING capacity of 125 persons.

(III) [Nothing contained herein shall] THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT permit the issuance of more than a total of three [(3)] licenses of all classes issued under this section to any person, or for the use of any partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company in Worcester County, except as provided in paragraph [(2)] (3) of this subsection.

(IV) The granting of additional licenses hereunder shall be limited and restricted to the purpose of providing alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises only, with no off-sale privileges [to be exercised therewith].

[(2)](3) (I) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section [in Worcester County], the holder of a Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants) beer, wine and liquor license or Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants) beer and light wine license under this article, by making application in the regular manner and paying the usual fee may obtain additional Class B, (on-sale - hotels and restaurants), beer, wine