

CHAPTER 542

(House Bill 1348)

AN ACT concerning

**Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages
(Class A Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses)**

FOR the purpose of limiting the number of Class A beer, wine and liquor licenses in Wicomico County; altering the annual fee for those licenses; providing for an effective date; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6-101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6-101(x)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

6-101.

(a) (1) A Class A beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell all alcoholic beverages at retail, in any quantity, at the place described in the license. The licensee shall deliver the alcoholic beverages in a sealed package or container and the package or container may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold.

(2) The annual license fee shall be paid to the local collecting agent before the license is issued, for distribution as provided.

(3) A license may not be issued for any drugstore unless the applicant:

(i) Has been doing business at the location applied for, for at least 1 year prior to the date of the application for the license;

(ii) Is the assignee of a business established for that length of time at the location applied for; or