

(iii) Has been actually engaged in the retail drug business for a period of not less than 3 years.

(x) (1) This subsection applies only in Wicomico County.

(2) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSES IS THREE.

(3) Any license issued under the provisions of this section shall be issued only to existing establishments that already have a Class B beer, wine and liquor (restaurant) license and have been continually operating as a restaurant in the County for 3 months prior to the application for this license.

[(3)](4) Any license issued under the provisions of this section shall apply only to the area described in the application and that area may not exceed 20 percent of the area normally used in the operation of the restaurant business. This area must be contiguous to and adjoin the restaurant establishment.

[(4)](5) (I) 1. The annual license fee is \$2,200.

2. DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1997, THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,300.

3. DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1998 AND THEREAFTER, THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$4,400.

(II) This fee shall be paid in addition to the fee paid for the Class B (restaurant) license.

[(5)](6) All alcoholic beverages other than beer and light wine shall be purchased from the Liquor Control Board for Wicomico County and the licensee shall be charged not more than 15 percent above the wholesale operating cost to the dispensary.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

CHAPTER 543

(House Bill 1352)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Economic Development Commission

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County to establish an Economic Development Commission and to provide certain funds for the operation of the Commission; requiring the Commission to be operated by a Board of Directors appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to enter into a certain agreement with a nonprofit organization to operate the functions of the Commission; authorizing the