

(11) Wicomico~~};~~ and

(12) Worcester~~};~~.

(b) ~~A~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A manufacturer or wholesaler may not sell any beer to any retail dealer except for cash on delivery.

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

(2) SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPHS (3), (4), AND (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A WHOLESALER MAY SELL BEER ON CREDIT TO A RETAIL DEALER WHO HAS BEEN DOING BUSINESS FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS.

(3) A WHOLESALER WHO EXTENDS CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ESTABLISH DIFFERENT PRICES FOR CASH AND CREDIT TRANSACTIONS.

(4) A TERM OF CREDIT EXTENDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED 10 DAYS, WITH NO GRACE PERIOD.

(5) (I) A WHOLESALER MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY DELIVER BEER TO A RETAIL DEALER TO WHOM ANY WHOLESALER HAS EXTENDED CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND WHO FAILS TO PAY THE BALANCE OWED OR MAKES A PAYMENT ON THE DEBT BY BAD CHECK

(II) A WHOLESALER WHO VIOLATES THIS PARAGRAPH IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 FOR EACH SUCH DELIVERY.

(6) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT TRANSFER OR RENEW THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A RETAIL DEALER WHO HAS BEEN EXTENDED CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND WHO OWES A BALANCE ON THE DEBT AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSFER OR RENEWAL.

(7) A RETAIL DEALER WHO FAILS TO SATISFY A DEBT ON CREDIT EXTENDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS WITHIN A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR MAY NOT OBTAIN BEER ON CREDIT FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS FROM THE TIME OF THE THIRD OCCURRENCE.

(8) THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

~~(e)~~ (D) A suit or action ex contractu to enforce or collect any claim for credit extended in violation of this section may not be maintained in this State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September 30, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.