

**Article 2B — Alcoholic Beverages**

6-101.

~~(y) (6) CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEES MAY NOT OPEN FOR BUSINESS UNTIL MAY 1, 1999.~~

~~(7) ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 1999, THE CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEES SHALL PAY THE LICENSE FEES FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION OF THE CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES. THOSE FEES FOR THAT ONE YEAR ONLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(i) A BASIC LICENSE FEE OF \$5,000, AND~~

~~(ii) ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEES IN EACH TAX DISTRICT:~~

- ~~1. TAX DISTRICT 1 (POCOMOKE CITY): \$30,000;~~
- ~~2. TAX DISTRICT 2 (SNOW HILL): \$21,000;~~
- ~~3. TAX DISTRICT 3 (BERLIN): \$30,000;~~
- ~~4. TAX DISTRICT 3A (OCEAN PINES), AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION: \$30,000;~~
- ~~5. TAX DISTRICT 10 (OCEAN CITY): \$35,000, AND~~
- ~~6. AT LARGE: \$35,000.~~

SECTION 6. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before Sections 2, 3, 4, ~~and 5~~ and 4 of this Act become effective they shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Worcester County at the general election to be held in November of 1998. The cost of the special election, if any, shall be paid by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners and the Worcester County Board of Supervisors of Elections shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For the referred law" the provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on May 1, 1999, and the provisions of Sections 3, ~~4, and 5~~ and 4 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 1999; but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" the provisions of Sections 2, 3, 4, ~~and 5~~ and 4 of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 7. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, should Sections 2, 3, 4, ~~and 5~~ and 4 of this Act be approved by the qualified voters of Worcester County at the referendum for which provision is made by Section 6 5 of this Act, the provisions of Section 3 of this Act shall become operable and in full force and effect on January 1, 1999, and shall remain in effect until July 1, 1999, after which the provisions shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.

~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, should Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this Act be approved by the qualified voters of Worcester County at the referendum for which provision is made by Section 6 of this Act, the provisions of Section 5 of this Act shall become operable and in full force and effect on January 1, 1999, and~~