

(H) (1) THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF ALL CLASS A BEER, BEER AND LIGHT WINE, AND BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES IN EACH ELECTION DISTRICT MAY NOT TOTAL MORE THAN ONE FOR EVERY 5,000 INDIVIDUALS.

(2) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE THE POPULATION OF EACH ELECTION DISTRICT BY USING THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED POPULATION REPORT OF THE CARROLL COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

(3) A EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A NEW CLASS A LICENSE, REGARDLESS OF KIND, MAY NOT BE ISSUED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2007, IF IN THE ELECTION DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LICENSE WOULD BE LOCATED:

(I) THE RATIO ALREADY EXCEEDS ONE CLASS A LICENSE FOR EVERY 5,000 INDIVIDUALS; OR

(II) THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE WOULD CAUSE THE RATIO TO EXCEED ONE CLASS A LICENSE FOR EVERY 5,000 INDIVIDUALS.

(4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IS NOT A NEW LICENSE.

(5) A WINERY THAT APPLIES FOR A CLASS A LIGHT WINE LICENSE UNDER § 4-201 OF THIS ARTICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE QUOTA LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.