

**CHAPTER 237**

**(House Bill 974)**

AN ACT concerning

**Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses Fees**

FOR the purpose of altering the annual license fee for a Class A beer, wine and liquor license in Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 18(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume)

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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**

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(a) A Class A beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the place of business is located, and shall authorize the holder to keep for sale and to sell all alcoholic beverages at retail, in any quantity, at the place therein described, and to deliver the same in a sealed package or container which package or container may not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold. The annual fee for this license is \$500, except as otherwise provided in this section, and in all cases the fee shall be payable to the clerk before any such license is issued, for distribution as hereinafter provided.

(b) A license may not be issued for any drugstore unless the applicant has been doing business at the location applied for, for at least one year prior to the date of the application for the license, or unless the applicant is the assignee of a business established for that length of time at the location applied for, or unless the applicant has been actually engaged in the retail drug business for a period of not less than three years.

(q) In Kent County the annual fee is [\$2,000] \$1,750.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.