Chapter 244

(Senate Bill 194)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester and Wicomico Counties <u>County</u> – Alcoholic Beverages – Pub–Brewery and Micro–Brewery Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Comptroller to issue a certain number of Class 6 pub-brewery licenses and Class 7 micro-brewery licenses to certain persons applicants for locations in an enterprise zone in Dorchester County; expanding the location for Class 7 micro-brewery licenses in Wicomico County to include any enterprise zone in Wicomico County; repealing a certain restriction concerning micro-brewery licenses specifying that certain provisions of this Act do not limit the number of certain licenses that may be issued in <u>Dorchester County</u>; making <u>a</u> certain technical corrections <u>correction</u>; and generally relating to pub-brewery and micro-brewery licenses in Dorchester County-and Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 12–104(e)(5) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY adding to

<u>Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages</u> <u>Section 12–104(e)(6)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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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(e) (5) [(i) This paragraph applies only in Wicomico County.

(ii) Subject to subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of this paragraph, the Board of License Commissioners <u>STATE COMPTROLLER</u> may issue one Class 6 pub-brewery license or one Class 7 micro-brewery license, but not both, to a person that holds not more than three Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses. (iii) A Class 6 pub-brewery license or a Class 7 micro-brewery license issued under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph may be issued only for a location in an enterprise zone in the City of Salisbury.

(iv) <u>A holder of a Class 7 micro-brewery license issued under</u> subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph may sell beer for off-premises consumption only to a wholesaler licensed under this article.]

(6) (1) THE STATE COMPTROLLER MAY ISSUE <u>TO A SINGLE</u> <u>APPLICANT</u> ONE CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY LICENSE OR ONE CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE BUT NOT BOTH;

(1) FOR FOR A LOCATION IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY, TO A PERSON IF THE APPLICANT THAT HOLDS NO MORE THAN THREE CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY; AND

(II) FOR A LOCATION IN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN WICOMICO COUNTY, TO A PERSON THAT HOLDS NO MORE THAN THREE CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR WICOMICO COUNTY.

(II) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY LICENSES OR CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSES THAT THE STATE COMPTROLLER MAY ISSUE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.