

Chapter 206

(Senate Bill 47)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Restaurant Seating Requirement Capacity

FOR the purpose of ~~lowering~~ *altering* in Dorchester County the minimum seating ~~requirement~~ *capacity required* for certain ~~restaurants, motels, or hotels having certain~~ *restaurants and* restaurant facilities *to obtain a beer, wine, and liquor license*; ~~making certain stylistic changes~~; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages ~~licenses~~ in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 6–201(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(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

6–201.

(k) (1) This subsection applies only in Dorchester County.

(2) (i) ~~¶~~Bona fide restaurants, motels and hotels having restaurant facilities for serving full-course meals at least twice daily and seating capacity at tables for ~~75~~ **50** or more persons, not including seats at bars or counters, may obtain a license from the Board of License Commissioners. This license entitles the licensee to sell beer, wines, and liquors.] ~~AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS A BONA FIDE RESTAURANT, MOTEL, OR HOTEL MAY OBTAIN A CLASS B (ON SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IF THE ESTABLISHMENT HAS:~~

~~1. RESTAURANT FACILITIES FOR SERVING FULL COURSE MEALS AT LEAST TWICE DAILY; AND~~

~~2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (H) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, SEATING SEATING CAPACITY FOR 75 50 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS.~~

~~(H) AN ESTABLISHMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL HAVE A SEATING CAPACITY FOR 50 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS, IF:~~

~~1. A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE PREMISES OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT EXISTED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1996; OR~~

~~2. THE ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED IN CAMBRIDGE OR SECRETARY.~~

~~{(ii)} (3)~~ The annual license fee is \$1,000.

~~{(3)} (4)~~ This license provides for the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor on the premises only.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.