

Chapter 98

(House Bill 1008)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Publication of Notices

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to publish notice of a hearing for an alcoholic beverages license application in a certain manner; altering the manner in which the Board is required to publish certain licensing decisions; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–102 and 22–1501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 22–1505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1501.

(a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 4–205 (“Chain store, supermarket, or discount house”);
- (2) § 4–206 (“Limitations on retail sales floor space”);
- (3) § 4–207 (“Licenses issued to minors”);
- (4) § 4–209 (“Hearing”);

- (5) § 4-213 (“Replacement licenses”); and
- (6) § 4-214 (“Waiting periods after denial of license applications”).

(b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

- (1) § 4-202 (“Authority of local licensing boards”), subject to § 22-1502 of this subtitle;
- (2) § 4-203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or for use of entity”), subject to §§ 22-1503 and 22-1504 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle 16, Part II of this title;
- (3) § 4-204 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same premises”), subject to §§ 22-1503 and 22-1504 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III of this title;
- (4) § 4-208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 22-1505 of this subtitle;
- (5) § 4-210 (“Approval or denial of license application”), subject to §§ 22-1506 and 22-1507 of this subtitle;
- (6) § 4-211 (“License forms; effective date; expiration”), subject to § 22-1508 of this subtitle; and
- (7) § 4-212 (“License not property”), in addition to § 22-1509 of this subtitle.

22-1505.

(a) BEFORE HOLDING A HEARING FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION TWO TIMES IN 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS:

- (1) IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY; AND**
- (2) ON THE BOARD’S WEB SITE.**

(B) (1) For a hearing for an application for a new license or an upgrade to an existing license, the Board shall post a notice in a conspicuous location on the exterior of the location described in the application.

(2) The notice shall be on a sign that measures at least 12 by 18 inches and include:

- (i) the class of license for which application is made;
 - (ii) the name of the applicant; and
 - (iii) the date, time, and location for the application hearing.
- (3) The notice shall remain posted for 20 days before the hearing.

[(b)] (C) (1) The Board shall publish its decision on an application for a new license, an upgrade of an existing license, or a change of location of an existing license:

(I) in [two newspapers] **ONE NEWSPAPER** of general circulation published in the county; **AND**

(II) ON THE BOARD'S WEB SITE.

(2) The decision shall state the name of the license holder, the type of license, and the location of the premises.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 11, 2017.