

# HOUSE BILL 329

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Notice of License Application**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel  
4 County to fulfill a certain notice requirement by posting online a completed  
5 application for an alcoholic beverages license a certain number of days before the  
6 application hearing; altering a certain notice provision to require the applicant for  
7 an alcoholic beverages license, rather than the Board, to post a certain notice at the  
8 location described in the application for a certain number of days before the  
9 application hearing; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne  
10 Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 4–208 and 11–102  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
18 Section 11–1508  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

24 4–208.

25 (a) Before a local licensing board may approve an application for a license, the

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 local licensing board shall publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks:

2 (1) in two newspapers of general circulation in the jurisdiction; or

3 (2) if only one newspaper of general circulation exists in the jurisdiction, in  
4 that newspaper.

5 (b) The notice shall state:

6 (1) the name of the applicant;

7 (2) the type of license for which the application is made;

8 (3) the location described in the application; and

9 (4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing  
10 on the application.

11 11-102.

12 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

13 11-1508.

14 (a) **(1) THE BOARD MAY FULFILL THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT UNDER §**  
15 **4-208 OF THIS ARTICLE BY POSTING ONLINE A COMPLETED APPLICATION AT LEAST**  
16 **10 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING.**

17 **(2)** In addition to the newspaper notice required under § 4-208 of this  
18 article **OR THE ONLINE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
19 **SUBSECTION**, the Board shall **REQUIRE THE APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO** post a  
20 suitable notice, similar to a notice used for zoning purposes, in a conspicuous place at the  
21 location described in the application for at least 10 days before the application hearing.

22 (b) A notice under this section shall state the class of license for which application  
23 is made and the date, time, and location set by the Board for an application hearing.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2020.