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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Requirements and Restrictions 3 for Licenses 4 PG 303-16 5 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain license and permit holders may only sell beer in cans or packages of at least a certain number in Prince George's County; 6 7 prohibiting the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners from 8 issuing or transferring certain alcoholic beverages licenses into certain areas 9 designated as food deserts or qualifying as target census tracts under certain 10 circumstances; authorizing the Board to renew certain alcoholic beverages licenses 11 issued in a food desert or a target census tract before a certain date; requiring the 12 Board to issue certain notice regarding public hearings to certain entities under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this 13 Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County. 14 15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, 16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages 17 Section 4–208, 4–209, 4–406, 26–101(a) and (b), 26–1501, 26–1512, and 26–1801 18 Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General 19 20 Assembly of 2016) 21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 22 Article – Alcoholic Beverages 23 Section 26–601, 26–801, 26–901, 26–1104, 26–1511, 26–1702, and 26–1803 24Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General 25 26 Assembly of 2016)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



$\frac{1}{2}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
3	Article - Alcoholic Beverages				
4	4–208.				
5 6	(a) Before a local licensing board may approve an application for a license, the local licensing board shall publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks:				
7		(1) in two newspapers of general circulation in the jurisdiction; or			
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10	(b)	The notice shall state:			
11		(1) the name of the applicant;			
12		(2) the type of license for which the application is made;			
13		(3) the location described in the application; and			
14 15	on the appl	(4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing ation.			
16	4–209.				
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19	(b)	Any person may address any relevant issue at the hearing.			
20	4–406.				
21	(a)	A protest against a license renewal may be made by:			
22		(1) at least 10 signatories who are:			
23 24	applicants	(i) residents, commercial tenants who are not holders of or r a license, or real estate owners; and			
25		(ii) located in the immediate vicinity of the licensed premises; or			
26		(2) the local licensing board on its own initiative.			

- 3 1 (b) (1) If a protest against renewing a license is filed at least 30 days before 2 the license expires, the local licensing board may not approve the renewal without holding 3 a hearing. 4 (2)The local licensing board shall hear and determine the protest in the same manner as it hears and determines an original application. 5 26-101.6 7 In this title: (a) 8 (1) the definitions in § 1–101 of this article apply without exception or 9 variation; and 10 (2) the following words have the meanings indicated. 11 (b) "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's 12County. 13 26-601. There is a Class A beer license. 14 (a) 15 (b) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer at retail to 16 consumers at the place described in the license. 17 (2)The license holder shall sell the beer in a sealed package or container.
- 18 The package or container may not be opened and its contents may not (3)19 be consumed on the premises where the beer was sold.
- 20 **(4)** THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER ONLY IN PACKAGES OF AT 21LEAST SIX CANS OR BOTTLES.
- 22(c) **(1) (I)** IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE 23 MEANINGS INDICATED.
- "FOOD DESERT" MEANS AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. 24(II)25 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS A CENSUS TRACT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE 26 OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME AREAS WITH LOW LEVELS OF ACCESS TO 27 GROCERY STORES OR HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE FOOD RETAIL OUTLETS.
- (III) "TARGET CENSUS TRACT" MEANS A CENSUS TRACT, AS 28 ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, 29 30 THAT:

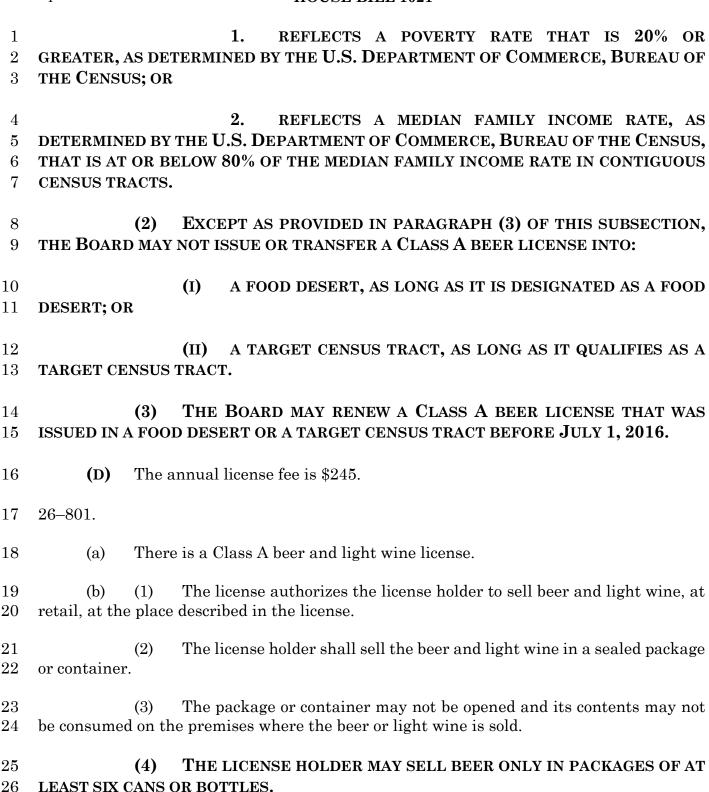
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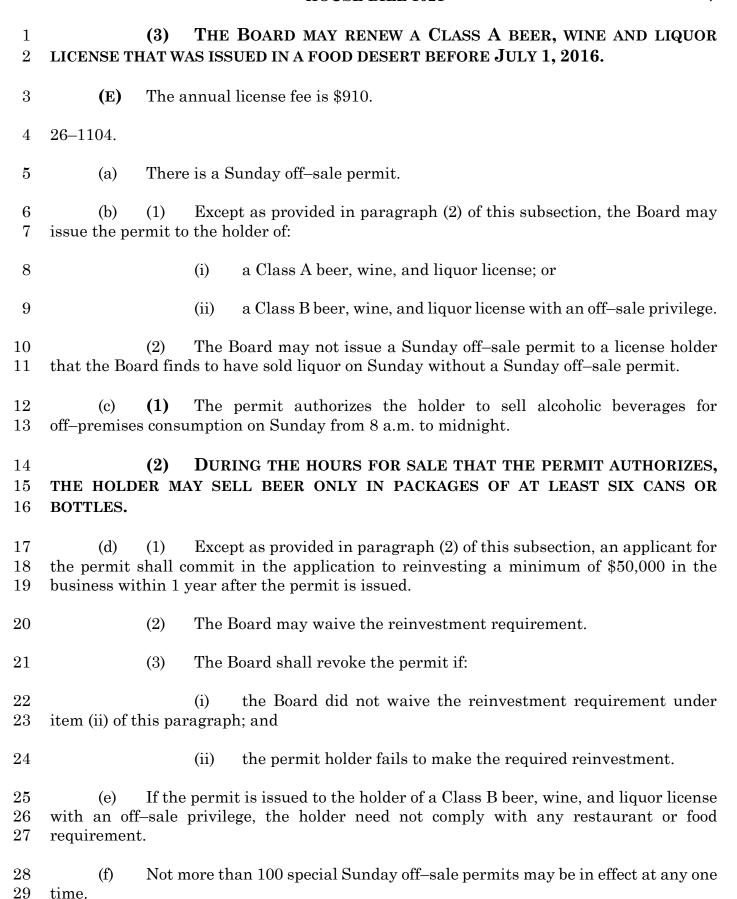


29 (II) "FOOD DESERT" MEANS AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. 30 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS A CENSUS TRACT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE

IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE

- 1 OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME AREAS WITH LOW LEVELS OF ACCESS TO
- 2 GROCERY STORES OR HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE FOOD RETAIL OUTLETS.
- 3 (III) "TARGET CENSUS TRACT" MEANS A CENSUS TRACT, AS
- 4 ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
- 5 **THAT:**
- 1. REFLECTS A POVERTY RATE THAT IS 20% OR
- 7 GREATER, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF
- 8 THE CENSUS; OR
- 9 2. REFLECTS A MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATE, AS
- 10 DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
- 11 THAT IS AT OR BELOW 80% OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATE IN CONTIGUOUS
- 12 CENSUS TRACTS.
- 13 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
- 14 THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CLASS A BEER AND LIGHT WINE
- 15 LICENSE INTO:
- 16 (I) A FOOD DESERT, AS LONG AS IT IS DESIGNATED AS A FOOD
- 17 DESERT; OR
- 18 (II) A TARGET CENSUS TRACT, AS LONG AS IT QUALIFIES AS A
- 19 TARGET CENSUS TRACT.
- 20 (3) THE BOARD MAY RENEW A CLASS A BEER AND LIGHT WINE
- 21 LICENSE THAT WAS ISSUED IN A FOOD DESERT OR A TARGET CENSUS TRACT BEFORE
- 22 **JULY 1, 2016**.
- 23 **(D)** The annual license fee is \$245.
- 24 26-901.
- 25 (a) There is a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license.
- 26 (b) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license.
- 28 (2) The license holder shall sell the beer, wine, or liquor in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises.
- 30 (3) A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL 31 BEER ONLY IN PACKAGES OF AT LEAST SIX CANS OR BOTTLES.

- 1 (c) A license under this section may not be issued for a drugstore unless the 2 applicant:
- 3 (1) has been doing business at the location applied for in the license for at 4 least 1 year before the date of the application for the license;
- 5 (2) is the assignee of a business established for at least 1 year before the 6 date of the application for the license at the location applied for; or
- 7 (3) has been engaged in the retail drug business for at least 3 years.
- 8 (d) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE 9 MEANINGS INDICATED.
- 10 (II) "FOOD DESERT" MEANS AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE U.S.
- 11 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS A CENSUS TRACT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE
- 12 OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME AREAS WITH LOW LEVELS OF ACCESS TO
- 13 GROCERY STORES OR HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE FOOD RETAIL OUTLETS.
- 14 (III) "TARGET CENSUS TRACT" MEANS A CENSUS TRACT, AS
- 15 ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
- 16 **THAT:**
- 17 1. REFLECTS A POVERTY RATE THAT IS 20% OR
- 18 GREATER, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF
- 19 THE CENSUS; OR
- 20 2. REFLECTS A MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATE, AS
- 21 DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS,
- 22 THAT IS AT OR BELOW 80% OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATE IN CONTIGUOUS
- 23 CENSUS TRACTS.
- 24 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
- 25 THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR
- 26 LICENSE INTO:
- 27 (I) A FOOD DESERT, AS LONG AS IT IS DESIGNATED AS A FOOD
- 28 DESERT; OR
- 29 (II) A TARGET CENSUS TRACT, AS LONG AS IT QUALIFIES AS A
- 30 TARGET CENSUS TRACT.



- 1 **(1)** IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE (g) (I)2 MEANINGS INDICATED. 3 "FOOD DESERT" MEANS AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. (II)DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS A CENSUS TRACT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL SHARE 4 OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN LOW-INCOME AREAS WITH LOW LEVELS OF ACCESS TO
- GROCERY STORES OR HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE FOOD RETAIL OUTLETS. 6
- (III) "TARGET CENSUS TRACT" MEANS A CENSUS TRACT, AS 7 ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, 8 9 THAT:
- 10 1. REFLECTS A POVERTY RATE THAT IS 20% OR GREATER, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF 11 12 THE CENSUS; OR
- 13 2. REFLECTS A MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, 14 THAT IS AT OR BELOW 80% OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME RATE IN CONTIGUOUS 15 CENSUS TRACTS. 16
- 17 **(2)** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, **ISSUE** SPECIAL **SUNDAY** 18 BOARD MAY NOT OR TRANSFER \mathbf{A} THE **OFF-SALE PERMIT INTO:** 19
- 20 **(I)** A FOOD DESERT, AS LONG AS IT IS DESIGNATED AS A FOOD DESERT; OR 21
- 22 A TARGET CENSUS TRACT, AS LONG AS IT QUALIFIES AS A (II)23 TARGET CENSUS TRACT.
- 24THE BOARD MAY RENEW A SPECIAL SUNDAY OFF-SALE PERMIT 25THAT WAS ISSUED IN A FOOD DESERT OR A TARGET CENSUS TRACT BEFORE JULY 1, 2016. 26
- The application fee for the permit is \$750. 27 (H) (1)
- 28 (2)The annual fees for the permit are:
- 29 (i) \$2,590 for the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; 30 and
- \$1,080 for the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license 31 with an off-sale privilege. 32

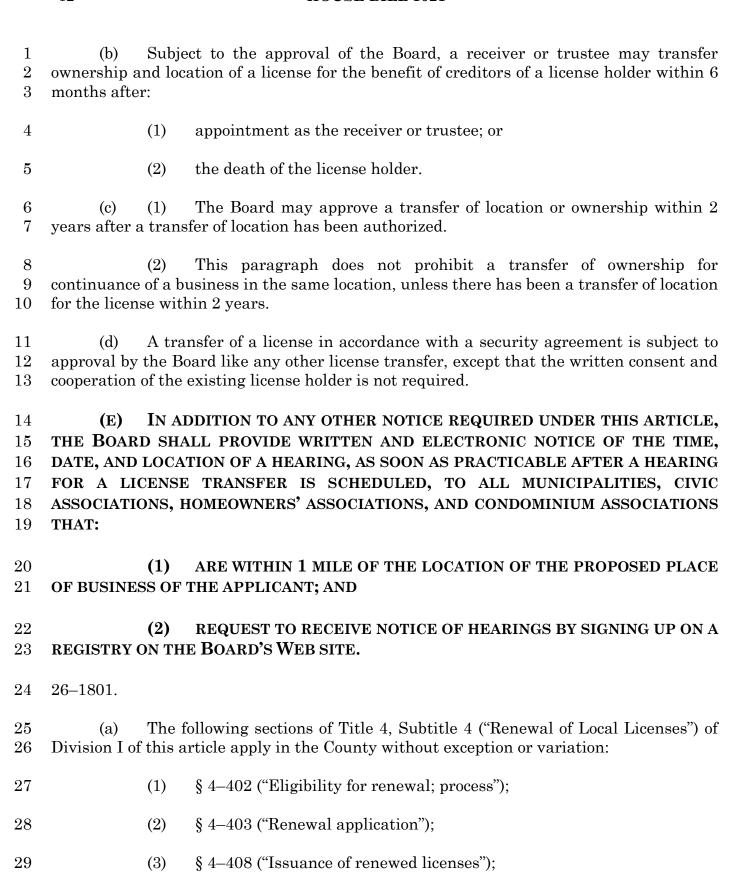
- 1 (3) The fees listed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection are in 2 addition to the annual fee for the Class A beer, wine, and liquor license or Class B beer,
- 3 wine, and liquor license to which it is attached.
- 4 26–1501.
- 5 (a) Section 4–207 ("Licenses issued to minors") of Division I of this article applies 6 in the County without exception or variation.
- 7 (b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 ("Issuance or Denial of License 8 Applications") do not apply in the County:
- 9 (1) $\S 4-206$ ("Limitations on retail floor space") and is superseded by $\S 10-26-1504$ of this subtitle;
- 11 (2) § 4–210 ("Approval or denial of license application") and is superseded 12 by § 26–1513 of this subtitle; and
- 13 (3) § 4–214 ("Waiting periods after denial of license applications") and is 14 superseded by § 26–1516 of this subtitle.
- 15 (c) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 ("Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses") of Division I of this article apply in the County:
- 17 (1) \S 4–202 ("Authority of local licensing boards"), in addition to $\S\S$ 26–1502 and 26–1503 of this subtitle;
- 19 (2) § 4–203 ("Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or 20 for use of entity"), subject to § 26–1505 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle 21 16, Part II of this title;
- 22 (3) § 4–204 ("Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same 23 premises"), subject to § 26–1505 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III of this title;
- 24 (4) § 4–205 ("Chain store, supermarket, or discount house"), subject to § 26-1509 of this subtitle;
- 26 (5) § 4–208 ("Notice of license application required"), subject to § 26–1512 27 of this subtitle:
- 28 (6) § 4–209 ("Hearing"), in addition to § 26–1511 of this subtitle;
- 29 (7) § 4–211 ("License forms; effective date; expiration"), in addition to § 30 26-1508 of this subtitle;

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$\frac{1}{2}$	and	(8)	$\ 4-212$ ("License not property"), subject to $\ 26-1506$ of this subtitle;
3		(9)	$\$ 4–213 ("Replacement licenses"), subject to $\$ 26–1517 of this subtitle.
4	26–1511.		
5	(a)	(1)	The Board may adopt a calendar that establishes:
6 7	and		(i) filing dates by which license applications are required to be filed;
8			(ii) hearing dates for license application hearings.
9 10	hearing at v	(2) vhich t	A filing date for a license application shall be at least 60 days before the the application is to be heard.
11 12	(b) may be appl	(1) lied for	The Board shall determine the number of licenses of each class that at a hearing.
13 14 15	a hearing m by the Board	-	The number of licenses that the Board makes available for issuance at ess than the total number of licenses in each class that remains unissued
16 17 18 19			If, after a hearing, the applicants who are qualified for the issuance of ain class outnumber the licenses of that class authorized to be issued at loard shall determine the applicants who are best qualified to be license
20 21	determined	(4) and pu	The Board may not issue additional licenses of any class that were not ablished as available for the hearing.
22 23	(c) in at least to	(1) wo nev	Before holding a hearing, the Board shall publish a notice of the hearing vspapers of general circulation in the County.
24 25	license appl	(2) ication	The notice shall be published at least 30 days before the date by which as are required to be filed for consideration at the hearing.
26		(3)	The notice shall contain:
27 28	issuance;		(i) the number of licenses of each class that are available for
29			(ii) a description of each class;
30 31	considered a	at the l	(iii) the date by which license applications must be filed to be license application hearing; and

1	(iv) the date of the hearing.			
2 3 4 5 6	(D) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF A HEARING, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE HEARING IS SCHEDULED, TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES, CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS THAT:			
7 8	(1) ARE WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE APPLICANT; AND			
9 10	(2) REQUEST TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF HEARINGS BY SIGNING UP ON A REGISTRY ON THE BOARD'S WEB SITE.			
11	26–1512.			
12 13 14	(a) In addition to the newspaper notice required under § 4–208 of this article, the Board shall post a suitable notice in a conspicuous place at the location described in an application for at least 10 days before the application hearing.			
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18 19	(c) (1) If the location described in the application is in a municipality, written notice of the application shall be made to the governing body of the municipality.			
20 21	(2) A municipality that receives written notice under this subsection has standing to appear at the application hearing.			
22	26–1702.			
23 24	(a) The Board may not approve the transfer of a license from one location to another:			
25 26	(1) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for at least 2 years after the issuance of a new license; and			
27	(2) unless the Board determines that:			
28 29	(i) the transfer to the new location is necessary to accommodate the public; and			
30 31	(ii) the transferee has complied with the residency requirements specified in $\S~26-1406(c)$ of this title.			

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§ 4–409 ("Multiple licenses"); and

- 1 § 4–410 ("Chain store, supermarket, or discount house"). (5)2 Section 4–404 ("Filing period for renewal application") of Division I of this 3 article does not apply in the County and is superseded by § 26–1802 of this subtitle. The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 4 ("Renewal of Local Licenses") of 4 5 Division I of this article apply in the County: 6 § 4–405 ("Contents of renewal application"), subject to § 26–1804 of this (1) 7 subtitle; 8 (2)§ 4–406 ("Protests"), subject to § 26–1803 of this subtitle; and 9 (3) § 4–407 ("Denial of renewal application"), subject to § 26–1806 of this subtitle. 10 26-1803. 11 12 A protest of a license renewal shall be filed with the Board on or before March (a) 13 1. 14 A municipality in which the licensed premises is located may make a protest (b) 15 of a license renewal after holding a public hearing concerning the protest. 16 (C) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN AND ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF THE TIME, 17 DATE, AND LOCATION OF A HEARING, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE 18 19 HEARING IS SCHEDULED, TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES, CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS,
- 21 (1) ARE WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED PLACE 22 OF BUSINESS OF THE APPLICANT; AND

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS THAT:

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- 23 (2) REQUEST TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF HEARINGS BY SIGNING UP ON A 24 REGISTRY ON THE BOARD'S WEB SITE.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any licenses issued in an area designated as a food desert or qualifying as a target census tract before the effective date of this Act.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.