

Chapter 645

(House Bill 1073)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Applications – Online Notice

MC 5–16

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to fulfill a certain notice requirement by posting online a completed application for an alcoholic beverages license a certain number of days before the hearing date; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4–208

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 25–1506

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

4–208.

(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:

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

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

(b) The notice shall state:

- (1) the name of the applicant;
- (2) the type of license for which the application is made;
- (3) the location described in the application; and
- (4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing on the application.

25–1506.

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

(2) In addition to the newspaper notice required under § 4–208 of this article **OR THE ONLINE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, the Board shall post a suitable notice in a conspicuous place on the location described in the application for at least 30 days before the application hearing.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.