HOUSE BILL 441

A2 HB 980/19 – ECM

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Protest of License Renewal – Zoning Violations

- FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against the consideration of zoning issues by
 the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City when hearing and
 determining a protest filed against a renewal of an alcoholic beverages license; and
 generally relating to renewals of alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 9 Article Alcoholic Beverages
- 10 Section 4–406, 12–102, and 12–1801(c)(2)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 14 Article Alcoholic Beverages
- 15 Section 12–1805
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

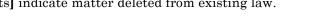
18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article – Alcoholic Beverages

- 21 4-406.
- 22 (a) A protest against a license renewal may be made by:
- 23 (1) at least 10 signatories who are:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





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1 (i) residents, commercial tenants who are not holders of or $\mathbf{2}$ applicants for a license, or real estate owners; and 3 (ii) located in the immediate vicinity of the licensed premises; or (2)4 the local licensing board on its own initiative. $\mathbf{5}$ If a protest against renewing a license is filed at least 30 days before (b)(1)6 the license expires, the local licensing board may not approve the renewal without holding 7 a hearing. 8 The local licensing board shall hear and determine the protest in the (2)9 same manner as it hears and determines an original application. 10 12 - 102.11 This title applies only in Baltimore City. 1212 - 1801.13The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 4 ("Renewal of Local Licenses") of (c) 14Division I of this article apply in the City: § 4-406 ("Protests"), subject to § 12-1805 of this subtitle. 15(2)16 12 - 1805.To hear and determine a protest filed against a license renewal, the Board [: 1718 shall consider only issues with respect to a specific complaint as to the (1)19operation of the licensed premises [; and 20(2)may not consider zoning issues]. 21SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July

22 1, 2020.

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