

Chapter 217

**(House Bill 467)**

AN ACT concerning

**Queen Anne's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Petition of Support**

FOR the purpose of repealing, in Queen Anne's County, the requirement that certain applicants for certain local alcoholic beverages licenses include a petition of support with the license application; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Queen Anne's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 4–110 and 27–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 27–1401(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4–110.

The application shall also include a petition of support signed by at least 10 residents who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted stating:

(1) the length of time each of the residents has been acquainted with the applicant or, if the applicant is a corporation, acquainted with the individuals making the application;

(2) that they have examined the application, have good reason to believe that the statements contained in the application are true, and in their judgment the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license; and

(3) that they are familiar with the premises on which the proposed business is to be conducted and that they believe the premises are suitable for the conduct of business as a retail dealer.

27–102.

This title applies only in Queen Anne’s County.

27–1401.

(a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 1 (“Applications for Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 4–102 (“Applications to be filed with local licensing board”);
- (2) § 4–106 (“Payment of notice expenses”);
- (3) § 4–108 (“Application form required by Comptroller”);
- (4) [§ 4–110 (“Required information on application — Petition of support”);
- (5)] § 4–111 (“Payment of license fees”);
- [(6)] **(5)** § 4–112 (“Disposition of license fees”); and
- [(7)] **(6)** § 4–114 (“Fees for licenses issued for less than 1 year”).

(b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 1 (“Applications for Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article do not apply in the county:

- (1) § 4–107 (“Criminal history records check”); [and]
- (2) **§ 4–110 (“REQUIRED INFORMATION ON APPLICATION — PETITION OF SUPPORT”); AND**
- (3)** § 4–113 (“Refund of license fees”), which is superseded by § 27–1406 of this subtitle.

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

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**