
By: **Charles County Delegation**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Transfers**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that, when seeking a transfer of an existing alcoholic
4 beverages license, the transferor or assignor must present to the Board of
5 License Commissioners of Charles County certification from the Treasurer of
6 the County showing that certain taxes do not remain unpaid; and generally
7 relating to alcoholic beverages license transfers in Charles County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 10-503(j)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 10-503.

17 (j) (1) This subsection applies only in Charles County.

18 (2) The fee for assignment and/or transfer of a license is \$200.

19 (3) (i) If an alcoholic beverages license is to be transferred to a
20 different holder, the Board shall investigate whether the transferee has a police
21 record of criminal convictions.

1 (ii) The Board shall adopt regulations for preserving the
2 confidentiality of the police records secured under this subsection.

3 (4) If an alcoholic beverages license is to be transferred to a different
4 location, the Board shall consider the existing need for that class of license at the
5 proposed new location.

6 (5) A transfer of any license may not be made as authorized in subsection
7 (a) of this section unless there is presented to the Board:

8 (i) A certification from the Office of the County Supervisor of
9 Assessments showing the value of the merchandise, fixtures, and stock-in-trade for
10 the business for which the application is made for the calendar year next preceding
11 the year the license is to be issued.

12 (ii) A certification from the Treasurer of the County showing that
13 there are no unpaid taxes due from the [applicant] TRANSFEROR OR ASSIGNOR to
14 the:

15 1. County, incorporated city, or place where the licensed
16 premises is to be located; and

17 2. County or State of Maryland on the merchandise, fixtures,
18 and stock-in-trade where the licensed premises is to be located.

19 (6) Except by way of renewal, an alcoholic beverages license of any class
20 may not be transferred or issued to any business establishment of the type known as
21 chain stores, supermarkets, discount houses, or their franchisors or franchisees, or
22 concessionaires of any kind.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2000.