
By: **Delegate Harrison**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2002

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Protest Against License Renewal - Commercial**
3 **Tenants**

4 FOR the purpose of adding certain commercial tenants to the list of persons who may
5 sign a certain protest against the renewal of certain alcoholic beverages licenses;
6 making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the renewal process
7 for alcoholic beverages licenses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 10-301(a)(1) and 10-302(g)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
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18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 10-301.

22 (a) (1) (I) Except in Prince George's County, the holder of any expiring
23 license, other than special licenses issued under the provisions of this article, shall,
24 not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the first day of May of each and every
25 year, file a written application, duly verified by oath, for the renewal of the license
26 with the official authorized to approve the same.

27 (II) 1. The renewal application shall state that the facts in the
28 original application are unchanged.

1 (4) The protest shall:

2 (i) Be signed by not less than 10 residents, COMMERCIAL TENANTS
3 WHO ARE NOT HOLDERS OF OR APPLICANTS FOR ANY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS
4 ARTICLE, or real estate owners in the immediate vicinity in which the licensed place
5 of business is located; [or]

6 (ii) Be instituted by the Board of License Commissioners on its own
7 initiative; or

8 (iii) Be instituted by the municipality in which the licensed place of
9 business is located subsequent to a public hearing being held by that municipality
10 concerning the license renewal protest.

11 (5) The Board of License Commissioners shall hold a hearing on the
12 protest as in the case of an original application.

13 (6) If an application for transfer is filed and pending with the Board of
14 License Commissioners which meets the residency requirements provided for in §
15 9-101 of this article, the license shall be renewed for the 1985-1986 renewal period.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2002.