

HOUSE BILL 373

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By: **Charles County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Protest Against License Renewal**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that in Charles County a protest against the renewal of
4 an alcoholic beverages license must specify the basis on which the protest is
5 made; requiring that the protest be filed under oath; authorizing the Board of
6 License Commissioners to approve the renewal of the license without a hearing
7 if the Board makes a finding that the basis of the protest lacks substance; and
8 generally relating to the renewal of alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles
9 County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 10–301(a)(1)(i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 10–301(a)(1)(iii)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 10–301.

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

10 (iii) 1. [A] **SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS**
11 **SUBPARAGRAPH, A** license by way of renewal may not be approved without a hearing
12 before such official if a protest has been filed against the granting of the new license at
13 least 30 days before the expiration of the license for which renewal is sought.

14 **2. IN CHARLES COUNTY:**

15 **A. A PROTEST SHALL SPECIFY THE BASIS ON WHICH**
16 **THE PROTEST IS MADE;**

17 **B. THE PROTEST SHALL BE FILED UNDER OATH; AND**

18 **C. THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY**
19 **APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE WITHOUT A HEARING IF THE BOARD**
20 **MAKES A FINDING THAT THE BASIS OF THE PROTEST LACKS SUBSTANCE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2007.