

Chapter 402

(House Bill 419)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Off-Sale Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Population Quota in Sixth Election District

FOR the purpose of altering the resident population quota used to determine the number of off-sale alcoholic beverages licenses that the Charles County Board of License Commissioners may issue in the sixth election district of the county; making a technical change; and generally relating to the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses with an off-sale privilege in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–209(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–209(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

9–209.

(a) This section applies only in Charles County.

(b) (1) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE** Board of License Commissioners may not issue more than 1 of any class of alcoholic beverages license with an off-sale privilege for each unit of 1,350 people, based on the **RESIDENT** population figures of the last federal census, within each election district in the county.

(2) IN THE SIXTH ELECTION DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT ISSUE MORE THAN ONE OF ANY CLASS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE WITH AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE FOR EACH

UNIT OF 2,700 PEOPLE, BASED ON THE RESIDENT POPULATION FIGURES OF THE LAST FEDERAL CENSUS.

[(2)] (3) A license issued under this subsection may not be transferred from one election district to another.

[(3)] (4) (i) This subsection may not be construed to require the forfeiture or revocation of any alcoholic beverages license issued and outstanding on October 1, 1992.

(ii) In any election district in which the quota is exceeded as of that date, the total number of licenses shall be reduced from time to time only by the voluntary relinquishment of licenses by the licensees, by bankruptcy, or by the workings of other provisions of this article. A new license may not be issued in any election district unless the issue may be made without exceeding the quota provided for in this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.