

Chapter 465

(Senate Bill 1122)

AN ACT concerning

**Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Transfer of License – Hardship
Extension**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a certain alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City or another appropriate interested party to make a written request to the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to extend the time authorized for the transfer of the license due to hardship; authorizing the Board to grant a certain time extension for the transfer of a certain license if the Board makes a certain finding after a hearing; limiting the time period of a certain extension approved by the Board; and generally relating to the transfer of alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–1705
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1705.

(A) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A transfer of a license shall be completed on or before 180 days after the Board approves the transfer.

(B) (1) WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE BOARD APPROVES THE TRANSFER OF A LICENSE, THE LICENSE HOLDER OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE INTERESTED PARTY MAY MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE BOARD TO EXTEND THE TIME AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER DUE TO HARDSHIP.

(2) THE BOARD MAY GRANT THE EXTENSION IF THE BOARD FINDS AFTER A HEARING THAT AN EXISTING HARDSHIP CAUSED THE DELAY IN TRANSFERRING THE LICENSE.

(3) AN EXTENSION MAY NOT PROLONG THE PERIOD AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER BEYOND ~~360~~ 270 DAYS AFTER THE BOARD APPROVES THE TRANSFER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.