

# HOUSE BILL 314

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2019

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages License Applications – Repeal of**  
3 **Petition of Support – Notice**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing in Frederick County the requirement that certain real estate  
5 owners within a certain distance of an establishment for which a license is sought  
6 sign a petition of support for the license application; repealing the provision of law  
7 providing for selecting other persons to sign the petition under certain  
8 circumstances; requiring an applicant for a license to post a certain notice at the  
9 location described in the application for at least a certain time; specifying the  
10 contents of the notice; and generally relating to applications for alcoholic beverages  
11 licenses in Frederick County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 20–102  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

17 BY repealing  
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
19 Section 20–1405  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 BY adding to  
23 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
24 Section 20–1405  
25 Annotated Code of Maryland  
26 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

3 20–102.

4 This title applies only in Frederick County.

5 [20–1405.

6 (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, persons who are owners of real estate  
7 within 5,000 feet of the establishment for which a license is sought shall be those persons  
8 signing the petition of support for the license application.

9 (b) If an insufficient number of persons own real estate within 5,000 feet of the  
10 premises for which a license is sought, the persons signing the petition of support shall be  
11 drawn from owners of real estate within the area of a circle that:

12 (1) has the establishment for which a license is sought at its center; and

13 (2) encompasses properties owned by at least 1,000 persons.]

14 **20–1405.**

15 **(A) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE SHALL POST A NOTICE THAT THE BOARD**  
16 **APPROVES IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE**  
17 **APPLICATION FOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING.**

18 **(B) THE NOTICE SHALL STATE THE CLASS OF LICENSE FOR WHICH**  
19 **APPLICATION IS MADE AND THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION SET BY THE BOARD FOR**  
20 **AN APPLICATION HEARING.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2019.