

Chapter 215

**(House Bill 463)**

AN ACT concerning

**Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Financial Interest**

FOR the purpose of defining the ~~phrase~~ phrases “controlling interest” and “financial interest” as ~~it applies~~ they apply to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne’s County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 4–109(a)(11), (13), and (16), 27–102, and 27–1401(c)(4)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 27–1404  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4–109.

(a) A license application shall state:

(11) whether the applicant has a financial interest in the business to be conducted under the license;

(13) that the applicant or a person on behalf of whom the application is filed does not have a financial interest in any other place of business in the jurisdiction for which an alcoholic beverage license has been applied for or issued;

(16) that during the term of the license, a person other than the applicant will not have a financial interest in the license or in the business to be conducted under the license;

27–102.

This title applies only in Queen Anne’s County.

27–1401.

(c) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 1 (“Applications for Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

(4) § 4–109 (“Required information on application — In general”), subject to § 27–1404 of this subtitle.

27–1404.

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONTROLLING INTEREST” MEANS THE OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF SUFFICIENT SHARES OR INTEREST IN A BUSINESS TO ALLOW FOR AN EXERCISE OF CONTROL OVER THAT BUSINESS.**

~~(A)~~ **(B)** An applicant for a license shall:

(1) include a statement in the application that the applicant is at least 21 years old; and

(2) submit an affidavit verifying the application.

~~(B)~~ **(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LICENSE HOLDER SHALL MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE LICENSES.**

**(2) THE TERM “FINANCIAL INTEREST” AS USED IN § 4–109(A)(11), (13), AND (16) OF THIS ARTICLE REFERS TO AN APPLICANT WHO IS THE OWNER OF A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN A PLACE OF BUSINESS ~~WHERE OR~~ FOR WHICH A LICENSE HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR OR ISSUED.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**