

HOUSE BILL 536

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 194

By: **Delegates Saab, Chisholm, and Howard**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2020

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Liquor Licenses – Transfer of License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel
4 County to allow a license holder to transfer an alcoholic beverages license to other
5 premises within the same tax assessment district as the premises for which the
6 license was issued under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency
7 measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 11–102 and 11–1701(b)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 11–1702

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 11–102.

22 This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

23 11–1701.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 3 (“Transfer of Local Licenses;
2 Substitution of Names on License”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

3 (1) § 4–302 (“Transfer of place of business; transfer of license and
4 inventory”), subject to § 11–1702 of this subtitle;

5 (2) § 4–305 (“Filing fee and endorsement”), subject to § 11–1703 of this
6 subtitle; and

7 (3) § 4–306 (“Substitution of names of officers on license”), subject to
8 § 11–1706 of this subtitle.

9 11–1702.

10 (a) (1) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not approve an
11 application for the transfer of a license unless:

12 (i) all obligations of the transferor pertaining to the licensed
13 establishment have been paid; or

14 (ii) an arrangement concerning debts and obligations satisfactory to
15 the transferor’s creditors has been made.

16 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection also applies to approval of an
17 application for a new license if the Board believes that the application is being used to avoid
18 provisions regarding the transfer of a license.

19 (b) The Board is not bound by subsection (a) of this section unless:

20 (1) a creditor submits a claim, under affidavit, to the Board before the
21 hearing held on the transfer; and

22 (2) the claim involves an indebtedness incurred in the operation of the
23 licensed premises.

24 **(C) ON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD, A LICENSE HOLDER MAY TRANSFER THE**
25 **LICENSE TO OTHER PREMISES IN THE SAME TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IF THE**
26 **PREMISES FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED IS:**

27 **(1) SUBSTANTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE, EXPLOSION, OR**
28 **CATASTROPHE;**

29 **(2) TAKEN BY CONDEMNATION; OR**

30 **(3) TAKEN BY THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
2 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
3 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
4 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
5 enacted.