

Chapter 229

(House Bill 1136)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Annual Fees

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County, for a certain licensing period, to reimburse the entire amount of the annual fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, for a certain licensing period, to reimburse a certain percentage of the annual license fee for certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances and reimburse a certain amount of the annual license fees the next fiscal year under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding any other law, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County shall:

(1) if funding is available from the balance of fees remitted to the county by the Comptroller under § 11–207 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, for the 2020–2021 licensing period, the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County shall reimburse each license holder in the county the entire amount of the annual license fee for any Class B, Class C, Class D, and Class H, Class H(M), and Racetrack license; or

(2) if the balance of fees remitted to the county by the Comptroller under § 11–207 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article is insufficient to reimburse each license holder in the county the entire amount of the annual license fee for any Class B, Class C, Class D, and Class H license under paragraph (1) of this section, reimburse each license holder:

(i) a percentage of the annual license fee for any Class B, Class C, Class D, and Class H license, in proportion to the total amount of the balance of fees remitted to the county by the Comptroller; and

(ii) for the following fiscal year:

1. the remaining balance of the annual license fee that was not reimbursed during the previous fiscal year; or

2. a percentage of the annual license fee, in proportion to the total amount of the balance of fees remitted to the county.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect July 1, 2021~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the

members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.