

Chapter 1037

(House Bill 1269)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Applications – ~~Online~~ Notice

FOR the purpose of altering a certain notice requirement before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County may approve an application for an alcoholic beverages license; authorizing the Board of ~~License Commissioners for Baltimore County~~ to fulfill ~~a certain~~ the notice requirement by posting online ~~a completed application~~ notice of an application hearing for an alcoholic beverages license a certain number of days before the application hearing date; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 4–208 and 13–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1504
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

4–208.

(a) Before a local licensing board may approve an application for a license, the local licensing board shall publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks:

- (1) in two newspapers of general circulation in the jurisdiction; or
- (2) if only one newspaper of general circulation exists in the jurisdiction, in that newspaper.

(b) The notice shall state:

- (1) the name of the applicant;

- (2) the type of license for which the application is made;
- (3) the location described in the application; and
- (4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing on the application.

13-102.

This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13-1504.

(a) **(1) BEFORE THE BOARD MAY APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION TWO TIMES IN 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN ONE NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.**

(2) THE BOARD MAY FULFILL THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT UNDER § ~~4-208 OF THIS ARTICLE~~ PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY POSTING ONLINE A COMPLETED APPLICATION NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION HEARING AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING DATE.

(2) (3) In addition to the newspaper notice required under § 4-208 of this article **AND PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, OR THE ONLINE NOTICE AUTHORIZED UNDER PARAGRAPH ~~(1)~~ (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,** the Board shall post a suitable notice in a conspicuous place at the location described in the application for at least 10 days before holding a hearing on the application.

(b) A notice under this section shall state the class of license for which application is made and the date, time, and location set by the Board for an application hearing.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.