

HOUSE BILL 1269

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Applications – Online Notice**

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 4–208 and 13–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 13–1504
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2023 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 and Cannabis**

21 4–208.

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

24 (1) in two newspapers of general circulation in the jurisdiction; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) if only one newspaper of general circulation exists in the jurisdiction, in
2 that newspaper.

3 (b) The notice shall state:

4 (1) the name of the applicant;

5 (2) the type of license for which the application is made;

6 (3) the location described in the application; and

7 (4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing
8 on the application.

9 13–102.

10 This title applies only in Baltimore County.

11 13–1504.

12 (a) **(1) THE BOARD MAY FULFILL THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT UNDER §**
13 **4–208 OF THIS ARTICLE BY POSTING ONLINE A COMPLETED APPLICATION AT LEAST**
14 **14 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING DATE.**

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

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2024.