

Chapter 863

(Senate Bill 13)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – License Fee Refund Requirements – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering certain alcoholic beverages license fee refund requirements to allow for certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service to be eligible for a certain refund; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 3–108 and 4–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 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

3–108.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a license holder is not entitled to a refund of the unearned portion of the license fee.

(b) A refund shall be issued to a license holder on surrender of the license if:

(1) receivership or bankruptcy of the business entity on whose behalf the license was issued occurs and a license transfer is not requested, with the refund issued for the benefit of the creditors of the license holder;

(2) the license holder dies, with the refund issued for the benefit of the estate of the deceased license holder;

(3) the license holder volunteers for or has been called into the [armed forces of the United States] **UNIFORMED SERVICES** or the organized State militia;

(4) the license holder surrenders a license and obtains a new license of another class carrying a higher fee, with the refund deducted from the higher fee;

(5) the license holder, against whom charges are pending when the license is renewed, is found guilty and the license is revoked, with the refund issued to the license holder in an amount based on the date that the revocation becomes final;

(6) the issuance of a license by the Executive Director is reversed on judicial review and the operation of the establishment is prohibited, with the refund issued to the license holder in an amount based on the date that the refusal to grant the renewal becomes final; or

(7) the licensed premises is taken by the federal government, the State, or a municipality for public use.

4-113.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a license holder is not entitled to a refund of the unearned portion of the license fee.

(b) A refund shall be issued to a license holder on surrender of the license if:

(1) receivership or bankruptcy of the business entity on whose behalf the license was issued occurs and a license transfer is not requested, with the refund issued for the benefit of the creditors of the license holder;

(2) the license holder dies, with the refund issued for the benefit of the estate of the deceased license holder;

(3) the license holder volunteers for or has been called into the [armed forces of the United States] **UNIFORMED SERVICES** or the organized State militia;

(4) the license holder surrenders a license and obtains a new license of another class carrying a higher fee, with the refund deducted from the higher fee;

(5) a license holder, against whom charges are pending when the license is renewed, is found guilty and the license is revoked, with the refund issued to the license holder in an amount based on the date that the revocation becomes final;

(6) the issuance of a license by a local licensing board is reversed on judicial review and the operation of the establishment is prohibited, with the refund issued to the license holder in an amount based on the date that the refusal to grant the renewal becomes final; or

(7) the licensed premises are taken by the federal government, the State, or a municipality for public use.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.