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A BILL ENTITLED

1 **AN ACT concerning**

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Notifications**

3 **Ho. Co. 14-22**

4 **FOR the purpose of altering the notice requirements for an applicant for a new alcoholic**
5 **beverages license or changes to an existing license in Howard County; and generally**
6 **relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.**

7 **BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,**
8 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**
9 **Section 23-102**
10 **Annotated Code of Maryland**
11 **(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)**

12 **BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,**
13 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**
14 **Section 23-1501 and 23-1505**
15 **Annotated Code of Maryland**
16 **(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages

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2 23-102.

3 This title applies only in Howard County.

4 23-1501.

5 (a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local
6 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

7 (1) § 4-205 (“Chain store, supermarket, or discount house”);

8 (2) § 4-206 (“Limitations on retail sales floor space”);

9 (3) § 4-207 (“Licenses issued to minors”);

10 (4) § 4-209 (“Hearing”);

11 (5) § 4-210 (“Approval or denial of license application”);

12 (6) § 4-211 (“License forms; effective date; expiration”); and

13 (7) § 4-213 (“Replacement licenses”).

14 (b) (1) **SECTION 4-208 (“NOTICE OF LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIRED”)**
15 **OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY IN THE COUNTY.**

AND IS SUPERSEDED BY § 23-1505 OF THIS SUBTITLE

16 (2) Section 4-214 (“Waiting periods after denial of license applications”) of
17 Division I of this article does not apply in the county and is superseded by § 23-1507 of this
18 subtitle.

19 (c) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local
20 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

21 (1) § 4-202 (“Authority of local licensing boards”), subject to § 23-1502 of
22 this subtitle;

1 (2) § 4-203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or
2 for use of entity”), subject to § 23-1504 of this subtitle;

3 (3) § 4-204 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same
4 premises”), subject to Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle 16, Part II of this title; AND

5 (4) [§ 4-208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 23-1505
6 of this subtitle; and

7 (5)] § 4-212 (“License not property”), in addition to § 23-1506 of this
8 subtitle.

9 23-1505.

10 (a) [In addition to the newspaper notice required under § 4-208 of this article, an
11 inspector for the Board, in cooperation with the applicant,] **THE APPLICANT** shall post a
12 hearing notice for at least 15 days before the hearing on an application for:

13 (1) a new license;

14 (2) a change in the class of a license; [or]

15 (3) an extension of the licensed premises;

16 (4) **A CHANGE OF RESIDENT AGENT;**

17 (5) **A TRANSFER OF A LICENSE; OR**

18 (6) **A TRANSFER OF LOCATION.**

19 (b) The notice shall be posted at the location described in the application AND
20 **SHALL INCLUDE:**

21 (1) **THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT;**

22 (2) **THE TYPE OF LICENSE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE;**

1 (3) THE LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION; AND

2 (4) THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE SET BY THE BOARD FOR A HEARING
3 ON THE APPLICATION.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2022.