

In the Counties of Dorchester and Wicomico, the decision of the Boards of License Commissioners for said counties, in approving, suspending, revoking or restricting or refusing to approve, suspend, revoke or restrict any license, shall be subject to appeal to the State License Bureau by the applicant for any license, the licensee, or not less than ten (10) citizens, voters and real estate owners residing in the precinct or voting district in which the place of business is located or proposed to be located. Upon the filing of any such appeal, all papers and testimony produced before the Board of License Commissioners shall be forwarded to the State License Bureau within thirty (30) days thereof upon the payment by the appellant or appellants, of all costs incident to the hearing before the Board of License Commissioners. Every such appeal shall be heard by the State License Bureau *de novo*; but said Bureau shall consider all the papers and testimony produced before the said Boards. The action of the Board shall be final and effective at once, provided, however, that any party aggrieved by such action of the Board as herein provided, may within ten (10) days from the date of the decision of the Board, appeal from the action of the Board to the State License Bureau upon full payment of all costs of the proceedings as hereinbefore provided; the noting of such appeal and payment of said costs shall stay the order of the Board pending the determination of the appeal. It shall be the duty of the State License Bureau to hear and determine all such appeals within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the papers and testimony from the Board originally hearing the application, complaint or charges, and if the decision appealed from is reversed, the costs paid by the appellants shall be recoverable by the appellants from the appellees, in a civil action, and failure of the Bureau to determine the appeal within a period of thirty (30) days, after the record has been filed as above provided, shall be considered an automatic affirmance of the local Board's decision unless the time has been extended by the Bureau for a good cause shown.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

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#### CHAPTER 775.

(House Bill 508)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 381 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's