

CHAPTER 631

(Senate Bill 464)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 205, 206, and 207 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Food Products", to change provisions of the health laws relating to the annual issuance, denial or withholding of licenses by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene for canneries and frozen food processing plants, to change the grounds and procedure for denial, withholding, revocation or suspension of such licenses and to correct errors and references therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 205, 206, and 207 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "Health", sub-title "Food Products", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

205. No person, firm or corporation shall conduct or operate a cannery without first obtaining [a] *an annual* license from the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, said license to expire on the last day of November of each year, unless sooner revoked as herein provided, and a new license shall be applied for each year. A license may be denied or withheld if the establishment of the applicant is known to be in an [insanitary] *unsanitary* condition or if the water supply is known to be dangerously polluted. *The Board shall issue the license to the applicant within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the application for license or shall within the thirty (30) day period notify the applicant in writing that the license is denied or withheld and stating the specific reasons for such action as well as the changes that must be made in order to obtain such license. The Board shall issue the license immediately upon compliance by the applicant with the changes required by the Board, or the Board may issue the license upon reasonable assurance by the applicant that the required changes will be made.* No new cannery shall be licensed unless so located or constructed that the waste liquids drainage and inedible products can be readily removed from the premises and immediate surroundings, or stored or destroyed, without constituting a nuisance or objectionable sanitary condition.

206. The words "frozen foods processing plant" as used in this sub-title shall mean any place or establishment where food products, except ice cream or related dairy products, are prepared and frozen and placed in containers for commercial purposes.

No person, firm or corporation shall conduct or operate a frozen food processing plant without first obtaining [a] *an annual* license from the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene; said license shall expire on the [thirty-first day of January] *last day of November* of each year unless sooner revoked and a new license shall be applied for each year. A license may be denied or withheld if the establishment of the applicant is known to be in an unsanitary condition or if the water supply is known to be dangerously polluted. *The Board shall issue the license to the applicant within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the application for license or shall within*