

license in Prince George's County; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 53(5) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "General Provisions on Issues ISSUE of Licenses," subheading "Prince George's County—Generally," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

53. Prince George's County—Generally.

(5) No person, etc., to have interest in more than one license; exception.—In Prince George's County, no person, *franchiser, franchisee, chain store operation,* partnership, firm or corporation, shall have any interest in more than one license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, *by franchise operation, by chain store operation,* by stock ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly, it being the intention of this section to prohibit any such person, *franchiser, franchisee, chain store operation,* firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license. This section shall not apply to licenses issued under the provisions of Section 19(i)(2) or Section 25 of this article or to club licenses. If the board of license commissioners for Prince George's County, after conducting a hearing, determines that any person, *franchiser, franchisee, chain store operation,* partnership, firm or corporation has any interest in more than one license issued in contravention with the provisions above, said board shall revoke any license theretofore issued to a licensee where such conflict of interest is determined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall only be construed prospectively and shall have no effect on the holder of or the renewal of any alcoholic beverage license at the time of the passage of this Act, OR TO ANY LICENSE GRANTED OR APPLIED FOR PRIOR TO JANUARY 29, 1970, THE DATE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS BILL; AND THAT ANY LICENSE GRANTED PRIOR TO MAY 1, 1970, OR APPLIED FOR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS BILL SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THESE PROVISIONS.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 5, 1970

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