

INCREASE.

(C) THE RENTAL FEE FOR A RESIDENCE VACANT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION OR BECOMING VACANT THEREAFTER MAY BE INCREASED BY THE LANDLORD TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE HIGHEST RENT CHARGED FOR A COMPARABLE RESIDENTIAL UNIT IN THE SAME RENTAL FACILITY PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION.

[(C)] (D) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUPERSEDED BY REINSTITUTION OF FEDERAL RENT STABILIZATION [OR BY ANY LOCAL STATUTE, ORDINANCE OR LAW IMPOSING LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES IN RENTAL FEES].

(E) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY MAY ENACT LAWS, ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS CONCERNING RENTAL FEES COVERED BY THIS SECTION. THESE LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS SHALL SUPERSEDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(F) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO FEDERALLY FINANCED PROJECTS WHERE THE RENT IS DETERMINED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TENANT'S INCOME.

[(D)] [(E)] (G) THIS ACT SHALL EXPIRE JULY 1, 1974.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ACT OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL BE HELD INVALID, SUCH INVALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR APPLICATIONS THEREOF WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect [[July]] June 1, 1973, and shall expire July 1, 1974, with no further action required by the General Assembly.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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CHAPTER 795

(House Bill 706)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 118(a) and 118(h) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Restrictions upon Licensees," and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 400, 401 and 403 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments," subheading "Minors--Obtaining Liquor," to provide for the lowering of the age of persons to 18 years in Montgomery and Prince George's [[County]] Counties regarding the sale, possession, and obtaining of beer and light wine, and relating generally thereto.