

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 143(c) of Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

143.

(c) In Harford County no retail license which has been previously refused, suspended or revoked, shall be granted until the applicant shall have executed a bond to the State of Maryland in the penal sum of [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] \$1,000, with a corporate surety to be approved by the liquor control board of Harford County, conditioned upon the faithful observance of all the laws of this State, general or local, and the regulations of [said] THE board, controlling or affecting the sale of alcoholic beverages, and to pay all costs, fines and penalties which may be imposed upon the applicant, on any warrant or indictment for violation of this article or any other act of assembly or regulation of the board relating to selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages in Harford County [, and the said] . THE bond, when so approved, shall be deposited with the [said] board [, which shall record the same] AND RECORDED in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the record thereof, or a duly certified copy, shall be evidence in any court of record. If this bond has been provided for one calendar year and the liquor control board finds that the licensee has complied faithfully with the terms thereof, then thereafter the liquor control board may in its discretion waive the requirements of posting bond under this section. IN THE EVENT OF THE FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE TERMS OF THE BOND AND AFTER DUE NOTICE, THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY FILE A PETITION FOR A FORFEITURE WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HARFORD COUNTY. IF THE CIRCUIT COURT DECLARES IT FORFEITED, THE BOND SHALL BELONG TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD. In lieu of the foregoing bond, the liquor control board of Harford County may, in its discretion, accept [one thousand (\$1,000)] \$1,000 cash money, the deposit of the same to be deposited, conditioned, recorded and, if deemed advisable, waived [as aforesaid; the] . THE board may also, in its discretion, subsequently accept a bond as aforesaid in substitution of the cash money deposit.

SECTION 2. 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 ye and nay