

FOR the purpose of changing certain regulations of the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners concerning protests at an alcoholic beverage license application or transfer hearing; defining a certain term in certain cases; correcting language; and generally relating to protest procedure at an alcoholic beverage license application or transfer hearing.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 184 (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 60 (d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 184(k) be and it is hereby added to Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

184.

(B) ~~THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT REQUIRE: (1) THAT PROTESTS AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OR TRANSFER OF ANY LICENSE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE FROM THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE CITY SUBSTANTIATING THE PROTESTANTS OWNERSHIP OF THE REAL OR LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, OR (2) THAT THE ATTORNEY WHO MADE THE ABSTRACT MUST APPEAR AND TESTIFY THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. THE PROTESTANT NEED ONLY TESTIFY THAT HE IS THE HOLDER OF FULL LEGAL TITLE AS SHOWN BY THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE CITY, OR SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THE SAME IN THE EVENT OF HIS EXCUSABLE ABSENCE. ANY ONE CO OWNER OF LEGAL TITLE CAN TESTIFY FOR AND BIND THE OTHER CO OWNERS IF ANOTHER CO OWNER DOES NOT APPEAR AND DENY THAT ALL CO OWNERS ARE ALL PROTESTANTS AGAINST THE APPLICANT. THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL NOT REQUIRE: THAT PROTESTS AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OR TRANSFER OF ANY LICENSE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE FROM THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE CITY SUBSTANTIATING THE PROTESTANTS' OWNERSHIP OF THE REAL OR LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, BUT IT MAY REQUIRE THAT A QUALIFIED PERSON FAMILIAR WITH THE LAND RECORDS OF BALTIMORE CITY APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND~~