

CHAPTER 597

(House Bill 966)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Application for License)

FOR the purpose of providing that in Anne Arundel County an applicant for an alcoholic beverage license must show the board of license commissioners that the license is necessary for the accommodation of the public at the applicant's premises.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 57(o)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

57.

(o) (1) In Anne Arundel County, the application for a new license of any class shall be accompanied by payment of a fee of \$200 payable to the board. This sum is in addition to any other fee required for a license in Anne Arundel County, and the application fee may not be returned whether the license is granted or denied. The application fee shall be used by the board to cover the expenses of the board in connection with its functions. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any application for a license by way of renewal or by way of transfer for the same premises.

(2) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, AN APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE IS NOT PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO THE LICENSE. THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE APPLICANT TO SHOW THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS THAT APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE PUBLIC AT THE APPLICANT'S PREMISES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.