

(f) (1) Subject to the population limitations on licenses elsewhere provided in this article, the Board of License Commissioners may not issue any additional beer, wine and liquor Class A or Class D license, except in the case of a transfer of [a presently operating business establishment having a] AN EXISTING license, subject to the approval of the Board as elsewhere provided in this article.

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(H) (1) (I) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

(II) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS ~~OR THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, WHICHEVER IS THE ISSUING PARTY.~~

(2) 180 DAYS AFTER THE HOLDER OF ANY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE HAS CLOSED THE BUSINESS OR CEASED ACTIVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS HELD, THE LICENSE SHALL EXPIRE UNLESS:

(I) AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER LOCATION OR AN APPLICATION FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ANOTHER PERSON UNDER § 10-503(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS BEEN APPROVED OR IS THEN PENDING;

(II) AN APPLICATION UNDER § 10-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS BEEN APPROVED OR IS THEN PENDING; OR

(III) A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A HARDSHIP EXTENSION, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, IS FILED WITHIN THE 180-DAY PERIOD.

(3) THE LICENSEE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERESTED PARTIES MAY MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE BOARD FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF THE LICENSE DUE TO UNDUE HARDSHIP, FOR A TIME PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN A CUMULATIVE PERIOD OF 360 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CLOSING OR CESSATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS HELD.

(4) AFTER A HEARING CONDUCTED ON THE EXTENSION REQUEST, ON A FINDING THAT UNDUE HARDSHIP CURRENTLY EXISTS CAUSING THE CLOSING OR CESSATION OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS, THE BOARD MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF THE LICENSE FOR A TIME PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 360 DAYS AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(5) (I) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT THE TOTAL TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH A LICENSE MAY BE DEEMED UNEXPIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS 180 DAYS IF NO UNDUE HARDSHIP EXTENSION IS GRANTED, AND NO MORE THAN 360 DAYS IF AN UNDUE HARDSHIP EXTENSION HAS BEEN GRANTED.

(II) THE TIME PERIOD BEGINS AT THE EARLIER OF THE CLOSING OF THE BUSINESS OR CESSATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BUSINESS, AND SHALL BE TOLLED ONLY ON THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION OR REQUEST DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE EXPIRATION PERIOD TO BEGIN RUNNING