

(g) (4) The protest shall:

(i) Be signed by not less than 10 residents or real estate owners in the immediate vicinity in which the licensed place of business is located; or

(ii) Be instituted by the board of [licensing] LICENSE commissioners on its own initiative; or

(iii) Be instituted by the municipality in which the licensed place of business is located subsequent to a public hearing being held by that municipality concerning the license renewal protest.

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(b) (2) Any licensee or employee of a licensee who is charged with a violation of this offense may be proceeded against in Worcester County either upon a charging document duly issued by the District Court for Worcester County or by an indictment duly returned by the grand jury of that county. Any licensee violating any of the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall suffer the penalties provided by § 200 of this article. However, a licensee charged with selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to an underaged person may not be found guilty of a violation of this subsection if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the jury or court sitting as a jury that he used due caution to establish that the person was not, in fact underaged. This subsection applies solely to Worcester County and stands in place and stead of subsection [118](a) of this section as the subsection applies generally to the counties of this State.

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(d) In St. Mary's [County] COUNTY, the board of license commissioners as it existed prior to June 1, [1963] 1963, is abolished and a new board shall be appointed as of that date, as provided in subsection (a) of this section which shall be styled notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) OF THIS SECTION "the alcoholic beverage board of St. Mary's County," but which in all other respects shall be the same as a board appointed under subsection (a) OF THIS SECTION. In addition to the board members appointed under subsection (a) of this section, the Governor shall appoint an alternate board member who shall serve whenever any regular board member is absent from a meeting. The term of office of the alternate board member shall run concurrently with the terms of office of the regular members of the board serving in office on July 1, 1983. The members of said board shall organize by electing their own chairman. They shall meet at least once during each calendar month, and as frequently in addition thereto as in their discretion is required by the duties of their office. All hearings held by the board shall be open to the public. The board is authorized to appoint advisory