

CHAPTER 262

(House Bill 1642)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Limitation

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Allegany Board of License Commissioners to limit the number of certain beer and light wine and beer licenses that may be issued in Allegany County; repealing a certain obsolete license reference; and providing that this Act does not affect the renewal or transfer of an existing license in Allegany County; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 45(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

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(d) (1) The board shall in its discretion direct the clerk not to issue a license whenever in its opinion any petitioner or petitioners is or are an unfit person or persons to be granted such license; or in the discretion of the board when the place for which the license is applied for is not a proper one with reference to the public peace and general welfare of the neighborhood or to the character of its inhabitants, due regards being given to the number of said licenses issued for said neighborhood as well as all specific restrictions and conditions set forth in this article.

(2) (I) The board shall restrict the granting of the number of those licenses designated as beer, wine and liquor licenses Classes A[, B,] and D[,] ~~AND--BEER--AND--LIGHT--WINE LICENSES--CLASSES--A--AND--B~~ so that the TOTAL number of [all three classed thereof, inclusive,] LICENSES GRANTED IN THESE CLASSES IN EACH OF THE LICENSE CATEGORIES shall not exceed more than one to every 1300 persons residing in Allegany County as determined by the last U.S. census; AND

(II) THE BOARD SHALL RESTRICT THE GRANTING OF THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF THOSE LICENSES DESIGNATED AS BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE CLASSES A AND D, AND BEER LICENSE CLASSES A AND D, SO THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES GRANTED IN THESE