

(III) The Board may restrict the number of licenses or prohibit additional licenses in any specified area, when, in the opinion of the Board, the area has [either;]:

1. Sufficient licensed premises for the accommodation of the public; [, or]
2. Become saturated with licensed premises to the extent that special policing is required and traffic hazards are created [therein,]; or
3. Changed character so that the existing number of licensed premises is inconsistent with present usage of the area and an increase in the NUMBER OF licensed premises located within the area will unduly disturb the peace of [the] ITS residents [therein].

(IV) A specified area may be restricted by the Board [, in its discretion,] for any period [of more than] BETWEEN one [year, but not for a period of more than] AND four years. At the end of the period fixed by the Board, the restrictions shall terminate and be of no further effect, unless the Board conducts another hearing and further restricts the number of licenses [in the manner provided herein] AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

[(b)] (2) The Board shall [be required to] conduct a hearing on restricting the number of licenses or [prohibition of] PROHIBITING additional licenses in any specified area upon the receipt of a petition requesting [such] THE restriction or prohibition and designating the specific area to be restricted. [, provided the] THE petition [is] SHALL BE signed by at least [twenty-five] 25 persons who are property owners and registered voters of the precinct in which the proposed restricted area [lies] IS LOCATED.

[9-202.1.]

[(b)] (C) (1) (I) [The words "transfer or assignment" as used in] IN THIS subsection [(a-1) of this section shall mean] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) "TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT" MEANS the transfer or assignment of a license from the licensee to whom issued to a new licensee and [shall] DOES not mean the transfer of a license permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages in the premises designated in the [said] license to other premises within the 1,000-foot limitation set forth in THIS subsection [(a)].

[(c)] (III) [The words "extended] "EXTENDED for the same building" [as used in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed to mean] MEANS the extension of the area of the premises licensed and [shall] DOES not [be construed to] mean a change in the operational classification of [a] AN EXISTING license [now existing, excepting], EXCEPT when [such] THE change is from a Class B, C or D license to a Class H license.

[(a)](2) (I) [In Anne Arundel County a] A new license may not be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a church or school. [, but the]