

property under § 6-843 of the Environment Article in calendar year 1994 or 1995 may not be required to pay a fee for that affected property in calendar year 1996, and any fee paid by the owner for that property during calendar year 1996 shall be credited toward any fee payable by the owner for that property during calendar year 1997.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect all affected properties beginning on and after October 1, 1994.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 556**  
**(House Bill 1441)**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(Procedure – Notice of Charges)**

FOR the purpose of providing in Baltimore County for notice of charges of complaint in measures affecting alcoholic beverages licenses to be served in a certain manner; ~~authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to petition the Circuit Court for Baltimore County requiring a copy of the notice of charges or a certain letter to be mailed to a licensee under certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 10-403  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

10-403.

(a) The Comptroller or the Board of License Commissioners for any county or Baltimore City, as the case may be, may on its own initiative or upon the written complaint of ten or more citizens, residents, real estate owners and voters of the precinct in which any licensed place of business is situated or upon the complaint of any deputy or inspector employed by the Comptroller in the administration of this law, or any peace officer, or if the licensee is located within the corporate limits of any municipality, which is within a county, upon complaint of the mayor and council of that municipality, after a