

This bill clarifies that a person licensed by a local alcoholic beverages licensing board may appeal any licensing decision made by that board.

House Bill 504, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 499.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 499

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages - Local Licensing Boards - Appeals to Circuit Courts

FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain alcoholic beverages licensee or a certain alcoholic beverages applicant may appeal a decision of a local alcoholic beverages licensing board to the circuit court of the county under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the appeal of a final decision of a local alcoholic beverages licensing board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 16-101(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

16-101.

(a) The decision of a local licensing board, in approving, suspending, revoking and restricting, or refusing to approve, suspend, revoke or restrict [any] A license, or A licensee, shall be subject to appeal in the manner provided in this section.

~~(b) (i) (i) Except in Howard County, any ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES licensee ISSUED A LICENSE BY THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD, [or] AN applicant for [a] AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES license FROM THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD THAT MADE THE DECISION, or any group of not less than 10 persons who are residents or real estate owners in the precinct or voting district in which the licensed place of business is located or proposed to be located, may appeal therefrom to the circuit court of the county upon payment of all costs incident to the hearing before the local licensing board.~~

~~(ii) In Howard County, [a] ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES licensee ISSUED A LICENSE BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, [a] AN APPLICANT~~