

ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this section to prohibit any person, firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license.

(3) (i) In Anne Arundel County, a person, franchisor, franchisee, chain store operation, partnership, firm or corporation, except by way of renewal, may not have any interest in more than one license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by franchise operation, by chain store operation, by stock ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other manner directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this subsection to prohibit any such persons, franchisor, franchisee, chain store operation, firm, partnership, or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license. Nothing in this subsection applies to or affects any such type of business establishment already holding such a license or the possibility of such licensee having the license transferred to a similar type of business establishment.

(ii) This subsection does not apply to licenses issued under the provisions of §§ 8-202(i) AND 9-102(H-1) of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 96

(House Bill 93)

AN ACT concerning

Business Licenses - Penalties

FOR the purpose of increasing the fine for the failure to obtain or display certain business licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Regulation

Section 17-2106(a)

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: