

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 175

(House Bill 740)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Applications

FOR the purpose of making applicable to the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County the ~~requirement~~ requirements that the board must consider certain factors before approving an application for an alcoholic beverages license, that the application must be disapproved if certain findings are made, and that the application must be approved if the findings are not made; and generally relating to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 10-202(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

10-202.

(a) (1) (i) Before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City or any county approves any application for a license, the Board shall cause a notice of the application to be published two times in two successive weeks:

1. For Baltimore City licensee applicants - in three newspapers of general circulation in Baltimore City.

2. For county licensee applicants - in two newspapers of general circulation in the county where two newspapers are published, and if not, then in one newspaper having a general circulation in the county.

(ii) The notice shall specify the name of the applicant, the kind of license for which application is made, the location of the place of business proposed to be licensed, and the time and place fixed by the board for a hearing on the application.

(iii) The hearing may not be less than seven nor more than 30 days after the last publication.