

FOR the purpose of adding certain commercial tenants to the list of persons who may sign a certain protest against the renewal of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the renewal process for alcoholic beverages licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 10-301(a)(1) and 10-302(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

10-301.

(a) (1) (I) Except in Prince George's County, the holder of any expiring license, other than special licenses issued under the provisions of this article, shall, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the first day of May of each and every year, file a written application, duly verified by oath, for the renewal of the license with the official authorized to approve the same.

(II) 1. The renewal application shall state that the facts in the original application are unchanged.

2. It shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the owner of the premises consenting to renewal of the license and to search and seizure as in the case of original applications.

3. In the case of retail dealers applying for renewal, the statement of consent by the owner of the premises may not be required if the owner has previously signed such a statement in connection with an original application or previous renewal application giving consent for the term of the owner's lease with the applicant if the lease or renewal does not expire during the term of the renewal license.

4. Upon the filing of the renewal application, and upon payment of the annual fee, the holder of the expiring license is entitled to a new license for another year without the filing of further statements or the furnishing of any further information unless specifically requested by the official authorized to approve the license.