

before such official if a protest has been filed against the granting of the new license at least 30 days before the expiration of the license for which renewal is sought.

2. IN CHARLES COUNTY:

A. A PROTEST SHALL SPECIFY THE BASIS ON WHICH THE PROTEST IS MADE;

B. THE PROTEST SHALL BE FILED UNDER OATH; AND

C. THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE WITHOUT A HEARING IF THE BOARD MAKES A FINDING THAT THE BASIS OF THE PROTEST LACKS SUBSTANCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.

CHAPTER 395

(House Bill 379)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Drinking on Public Property and in Other Areas

FOR the purpose of repealing the exemption for Charles County from a certain prohibition against drinking alcoholic beverages without authorization on public property and certain other areas; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to drinking alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 19-201, 19-202, 19-203, and 19-204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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