

Section 29A(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The evolving urban alcoholic beverage marketplace in Baltimore City required the B-D-7 liquor license to be established, authorizing restaurant licensees having either a Class B beer, wine and liquor license or Class D beer, wine and liquor license to exchange the license for a B-D-7; and

WHEREAS, The urban alcoholic beverage marketplace in Baltimore City has continued to evolve requiring certain B-D-7 license holders to provide a product in a more secure environment for customers and employees; and

WHEREAS, The need for a more secure environment has prompted licensees to offer sales of alcoholic beverages solely for off-premise consumption; and

WHEREAS, The Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City have, through interpretation of the provisions of the alcoholic beverages law, renewed B-D-7 licenses throughout the evolution of the urban alcoholic marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Certain holders of B-D-7 licenses have operated in this manner and transferred the licenses with the tacit approval of the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, Certain holders of B-D-7 licenses have conducted their operations with the belief that their conduct was acceptable to the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this Act is to grant the holders of B-D-7 licenses the ability to obtain a newly established Class A-2 beer, wine and liquor license without the risk of violating zoning requirements and suffering the loss of their business; now, therefore,

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

**Article -2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18A.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(B) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY RENEW A CLASS B-D-7 BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE THAT IS EXPIRING AND REISSUE IT AS A CLASS A-2 BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR OFF-SALE-ONLY PACKAGE GOODS LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN § 29A OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) A CLASS A-2 BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR OFF-SALE PACKAGE GOODS LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO: