

Although former Art. 56, § 1 specifically referred to the clerks issuing licenses "for selling goods and chattels", this section has been revised to require the clerks to issue appropriate licenses under this title since, in practice, the clerks issue licenses for activities other than selling.

Defined terms: "Clerk" § 1-101
 "License" § 17-301

17-305. TERM OF LICENSE.

(A) EFFECTIVE DATE.

(1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE ON MAY 1.

(2) WHENEVER A PERSON BEGINS BUSINESS AFTER MAY 31, THE CLERK SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH WHEN THE PERSON BEGINS BUSINESS UNDER THE LICENSE.

(B) TERM OF LICENSE.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE, A LICENSE EXPIRES ON THE FIRST APRIL 30 AFTER ITS EFFECTIVE DATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Art. 56, § 1, as it related to the effective date of licenses, and the second sentence of § 1A, as it related to the effective date of licenses.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the second sentence of former Art. 56, § 1, the first sentence of § 1A, and the references to an "annual" license or license fee or a license expiring on "the thirtieth day of April of each year" in the first and third sentences of § 17, the first and third sentences of § 17A, the second and fourth sentences of § 18(1), the second and fourth sentences of § 19(1) and the second sentence of (5)(b), the second and third sentences of § 20B(a)(1), the first sentence of § 29(c) and the second sentence of (d), the second sentence of § 57(a) and items (1), (2), (3), and (4) of the third sentence and the introductory language of (b), § 74(a) and the third sentence of (b), the first sentence of § 159B(b), § 160(a)(1) and (2), § 172, § 173, § 174, § 176, § 177(a) and (b), the first sentence of § 178, § 179(a) and (b), § 180(a)(2) and (b)(1), and § 234(b)(1) and (2)(i) and (ii).

Subsection (b) of this section is revised in standard language used to provide for the term of licenses in revised articles of the Code.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former references to "fisheries" and "horse racing" are deleted as obsolete and inaccurate. Fisheries are regulated by the Department of Natural Resources and horse racing by the Department of Licensing and Regulation.