

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 10-504(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-504(d) through (f), respectively, of Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10-504(e) through (g), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

10-504.

(D)(1) IN BALTIMORE CITY, AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE MAY BE PLACED ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR NOT MORE THAN 180 DAYS IF:

(I) THE LICENSEE EXPERIENCES A PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP;

(II) THE LICENSEE HAS NOT BEEN EVICTED FROM THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(III) THE LICENSED PREMISES IS NOT BEING USED FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS PURPOSE.

(2) THE LICENSE EXPIRES AFTER 180 DAYS UNLESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS IS APPROVED OR IS PENDING APPROVAL:

(I) AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE TO ANOTHER LOCATION OR ASSIGNMENT TO ANOTHER PERSON UNDER § 10-503 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(II) APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THE BUSINESS AFTER THE DEATH OF THE LICENSEE UNDER § 10-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 28, 1998.