

Senate Bill No. 374

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Board of License Commissioners Alcoholic Beverage Act of 1998

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a Board of License Commissioners in Howard County, appointed by the County Council for Howard County; providing for the membership, powers, and duties of the Board; providing for the compensation of the chairperson and other Board members; establishing that the County Council for Howard County on a permanent basis constitutes ex officio the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County; establishing an Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board in Howard County; providing for the appointment of members of the Hearing Board; requiring that, except as provided in this Act, the Liquor Board delegate to the Hearing Board its authority to act in certain ways; providing for the membership, powers, and duties of the Hearing Board; providing for the compensation of the Hearing Board; requiring that Hearing Board members not have interests in certain premises except under certain circumstances; requiring that Hearing Board members not receive or solicit a commission, remuneration, or gift from certain persons; providing for the compensation of the chairperson and other members of the Board; providing for a quorum of the Board and a certain number of Board members to take action; requiring the County Council for Howard County to employ an administrator for the Board; providing for the payment and staffing of the Liquor Board and the Hearing Board; requiring the chief of the Howard County Police Department to provide a sworn member of the Police Department as an inspector to assist the Board Liquor Board and the Hearing Board; authorizing the County Council to provide other County employees to the Board; requiring the Board to Liquor Board and the Hearing Board to propose certain regulations and submit them to the County Council for approval; requiring the Board to submit an annual budget request by a certain date to the County Council; requiring the County Council to review the budget request and submit a budget for the Board to the County Executive; providing for the annual budget of the Liquor Board and the Hearing Board; establishing procedures for the County Council Liquor Board to conduct hearings and make final decisions on certain cases; providing for appeals to the circuit court under certain circumstances; prohibiting a holder of a license, a person applying for a license, or a person engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages from offering to pay a commission, profit, or remuneration or make a gift to certain persons; providing a certain penalty for a violation of a certain penalty; requiring the Hearing Board to give the Liquor Board regular and prompt notice of certain filings; prohibiting certain acts; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act; defining certain terms; repealing certain obsolete provisions from the Code; making technical and stylistic changes; and generally relating to the establishment of the Board of License Commissioners in Howard County regulation of alcoholic beverage licensees in Howard County.~~

BY repealing