

Chapter 693

**(House Bill 770)**

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Multiple License Interests**

FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual to have an interest in more than one license of any of certain classes of license issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County, regardless of the manner in which that interest is held or controlled, except by franchise or chain store operation; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 11–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 11–1505  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–1505.

**(A) [Unless] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS** expressly authorized by this article, a person may not have an interest in more than one license issued by the Board, regardless of whether that interest is held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, stock ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, franchise operation, chain store operation, or any other direct or indirect manner.

**(B) ~~AN~~ EXCEPT FOR AN INTEREST HELD OR CONTROLLED BY FRANCHISE OPERATION OR CHAIN STORE OPERATION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS B LICENSE, CLASS H LICENSE, OR CLASS BLX LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT INTEREST IS HELD OR CONTROLLED BY DIRECT OR INDIRECT OWNERSHIP, STOCK OWNERSHIP, INTERLOCKING DIRECTORS OR INTERLOCKING STOCK OWNERSHIP, ~~FRANCHISE OPERATION, CHAIN STORE OPERATION,~~ OR ANY OTHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT MANNER.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.**