

Chapter 632

**(Senate Bill 224)**

AN ACT concerning

**Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages License Applications – Repeal of  
Petition of Support – Notice**

FOR the purpose of repealing in Frederick County the requirement that certain real estate owners within a certain distance of an establishment for which a license is sought sign a petition of support for the license application; repealing the provision of law providing for selecting other persons to sign the petition under certain circumstances; requiring an applicant for a license to post a certain notice at the location described in the application for at least a certain time; specifying the contents of the notice; and generally relating to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 20–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 20–1405  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 20–1405  
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**

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

[20–1405.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, persons who are owners of real estate within 5,000 feet of the establishment for which a license is sought shall be those persons signing the petition of support for the license application.

(b) If an insufficient number of persons own real estate within 5,000 feet of the premises for which a license is sought, the persons signing the petition of support shall be drawn from owners of real estate within the area of a circle that:

- (1) has the establishment for which a license is sought at its center; and
- (2) encompasses properties owned by at least 1,000 persons.]

**20-1405.**

**(A) AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE SHALL POST A NOTICE THAT THE BOARD APPROVES IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION FOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING.**

**(B) THE NOTICE SHALL STATE THE CLASS OF LICENSE FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE AND THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION SET BY THE BOARD FOR AN APPLICATION HEARING.**

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.**