

# HOUSE BILL 1308

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Notifications**

3 **Ho. Co. 14–22**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the notice requirements for an applicant for a new alcoholic  
5 beverages license or changes to an existing license in Howard County; and generally  
6 relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 23–102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 23–1501 and 23–1505

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 23–102.

21 This title applies only in Howard County.

22 23–1501.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local  
2 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

3 (1) § 4–205 (“Chain store, supermarket, or discount house”);

4 (2) § 4–206 (“Limitations on retail sales floor space”);

5 (3) § 4–207 (“Licenses issued to minors”);

6 (4) § 4–209 (“Hearing”);

7 (5) § 4–210 (“Approval or denial of license application”);

8 (6) § 4–211 (“License forms; effective date; expiration”); and

9 (7) § 4–213 (“Replacement licenses”).

10 (b) **(1) SECTION 4–208 (“NOTICE OF LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIRED”)  
11 OF DIVISION I OF THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY IN THE COUNTY AND IS  
12 SUPERSEDED BY § 23–1505 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

13 **(2)** Section 4–214 (“Waiting periods after denial of license applications”) of  
14 Division I of this article does not apply in the county and is superseded by § 23–1507 of this  
15 subtitle.

16 (c) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local  
17 Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

18 (1) § 4–202 (“Authority of local licensing boards”), subject to § 23–1502 of  
19 this subtitle;

20 (2) § 4–203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or  
21 for use of entity”), subject to § 23–1504 of this subtitle;

22 (3) § 4–204 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same  
23 premises”), subject to Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle 16, Part II of this title; **AND**

24 (4) **[**§ 4–208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 23–1505  
25 of this subtitle; and

26 (5)] § 4–212 (“License not property”), in addition to § 23–1506 of this  
27 subtitle.

28 23–1505.

1 (a) [In addition to the newspaper notice required under § 4–208 of this article, an  
2 inspector for the Board, in cooperation with the applicant,] **THE APPLICANT** shall post a  
3 hearing notice for at least 15 days before the hearing on an application for:

- 4 (1) a new license;
- 5 (2) a change in the class of a license; [or]
- 6 (3) an extension of the licensed premises;
- 7 **(4) A CHANGE OF RESIDENT AGENT;**
- 8 **(5) A TRANSFER OF A LICENSE; OR**
- 9 **(6) A TRANSFER OF LOCATION.**

10 (b) The notice shall be posted at the location described in the application **AND**  
11 **SHALL INCLUDE:**

- 12 **(1) THE NAME OF THE APPLICANT;**
- 13 **(2) THE TYPE OF LICENSE FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE;**
- 14 **(3) THE LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICATION; AND**
- 15 **(4) THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE SET BY THE BOARD FOR A HEARING**  
16 **ON THE APPLICATION.**

17 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2022.