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By: **Prince George’s County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Transfer of Ownership**

3 **PG 303–25**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that, before the Board of License Commissioners for Prince  
5 George’s County may approve a transfer of ownership of a license, the license holder  
6 must publish notice of the sale of the license in a newspaper of general circulation  
7 and give priority to any offers made by certain minority businesses to purchase the  
8 license for a certain number of days after the notice is published; and generally  
9 relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George’s County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
12 Section 26–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
17 Section 26–1702  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 26–102.

5 This title applies only in Prince George’s County.

6 26–1702.

7 (a) The Board may not approve the transfer of a license from one location to  
8 another:

9 (1) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for at least 2 years  
10 after the issuance of a new license; and

11 (2) unless the Board determines that:

12 (i) the transfer to the new location is necessary to accommodate the  
13 public; and

14 (ii) the transferee has complied with the residency requirements  
15 specified in § 26–1406(c) of this title.

16 (b) Subject to the approval of the Board, a receiver or trustee may transfer  
17 ownership and location of a license for the benefit of creditors of a license holder within 6  
18 months after:

19 (1) appointment as the receiver or trustee; or

20 (2) the death of the license holder.

21 (c) (1) The Board may approve a transfer of location or ownership within 2  
22 years after a transfer of location has been authorized.

1           (2) This paragraph does not prohibit a transfer of ownership for  
2 continuance of a business in the same location, unless there has been a transfer of location  
3 for the license within 2 years.

4           (d) A transfer of a license in accordance with a security agreement is subject to  
5 approval by the Board like any other license transfer, except that the written consent and  
6 cooperation of the existing license holder is not required.

7           **(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE” HAS**  
8 **THE MEANING STATED IN § 14–301 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT**  
9 **ARTICLE.**

10           **(2) BEFORE THE BOARD MAY APPROVE A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**  
11 **OF A LICENSE, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL:**

12                   **(I) PUBLISH, IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION,**  
13 **NOTICE THAT STATES THAT THE LICENSE IS FOR SALE; AND**

14                   **(II) FOR THE FIRST 60 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE UNDER ITEM (I)**  
15 **OF THIS PARAGRAPH IS PUBLISHED, GIVE PRIORITY TO ANY OFFERS MADE BY**  
16 **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO PURCHASE THE LICENSE.**

17           **[(e)] (F) (1)** In addition to any other notice required under this article, the  
18 Board shall provide notice of the time, date, and location of a hearing, as soon as practicable  
19 after a hearing for a license transfer is scheduled, to all municipalities, civic associations,  
20 homeowners’ associations, and condominium associations that:

21                   (i) are within 1 mile of the location of the proposed place of business  
22 of the applicant; and

23                   (ii) request to receive notice of hearings by signing up on a registry  
24 on the Board’s website.

25           (2) A municipality, civic association, homeowners’ association, or  
26 condominium association that requests to receive notice of hearings under paragraph (1)(ii)  
27 of this subsection may elect to receive written or electronic notice.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2025.