

operating the business presently being licensed and the public necessity for the license for which application is made. The Board, before approving any application, shall require an inspection of the premises for which the application is made and shall require the premises to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Board applicable thereto. In all respects, other than as provided herein, the application shall be subject to the requirements of the provisions of this article applicable in the County. The fee for the issuance of any license under this subsection shall be as follows: For a change from one class of beer license to any other class of beer license, from any class of beer and wine license to any other class of beer and wine license or from any class of beer, wine and liquor license to any other class of beer, wine and liquor license, the fee for the transfer is \$1,000; for a change from any class of either beer license or beer and wine license to the same class of beer, wine and liquor license or from one class of beer license to any other class of beer and wine license, the fee for the transfer is \$2,000; and for a change from any class of either beer license or beer and wine license to any other class of beer, wine and liquor license, the fee for the transfer is \$3,000. All of the above transfer fee shall be in addition to the regular fee provided in this article for the license applied for. The fee for issuance of any new license after July 1, 1972 shall be, in addition to the regular yearly fee provided for in this article, for any class of beer license: \$1,000; for any class of beer and wine license: \$2,000; and for any class of beer, wine and liquor license: \$3,000.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the forfeiture or revocation of any alcoholic beverages license issued and outstanding on June 1, 1951. In any election district in which the quota is exceeded as of that date, the total number of licenses shall be reduced from time to time only by the voluntary relinquishment of licenses by the licensees, or by the workings of other provisions of this article; and no new license shall be issued in any election district unless such issue may be made without exceeding the quota as established hereinabove in this section.

(e) No alcoholic beverage license issued in Cecil County shall, by virtue of its issuance to any person or persons, thereby vest in such person or persons any property right whatever in and to such license.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the holder of any license issued for premises substantially destroyed by fire, explosion, or catastrophe, or taken by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, may transfer the license to other premises within the same election district, with the approval of the Board of License Commissioners. In the event the holder of any premises destroyed as provided above shall not request transfer of the license within six (6) months from date of loss as above provided, the license shall expire and shall be available to issue to an applicant therefor.

(g) In granting any new license of any class, including any beer, wine and liquor license, not in excess of the number of licenses permitted by this section in any election district, the Board of License Commissioners shall not give any special preference, it being the intent of this section that persons holding any class of beer or beer and wine license shall receive the same consideration as any other applicant for any class of beer, wine and liquor license.