Public Law 85-423

To amend section 15 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 15 of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, as amended (sec. 25-116, District of Columbia Code, 1951 edition), is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "SEC. 15."; by inserting "(b)" immediately before the second paragraph; and by adding thereto the following new subsections:

"(c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply in any case where an application is made for the issuance or transfer of a retailer’s license for a place of business conducted in a residential-use district as defined in the zoning regulations and shown in the official atlases of the Zoning Commission if the zoning of such place of business was changed from a less restricted use to such residential use during a period when a license of the same class for which application is made was in effect at such place of business: Provided, That a license of the same class at such place of business is in effect on the date the application for the new license, or transfer, is filed.

"(d) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply in any case where an application is made for the issuance or transfer of a wholesaler’s or manufacturer’s license for a place of business conducted in a residential- or first commercial-use district as defined in the zoning regulations and shown in the official atlases of the Zoning Commission if the zoning of such place of business was changed from a less restricted use to such residential- or first commercial-use during a period when a license of the same class for which application is made was in effect at such place of business: Provided, That a license of the same class at such place of business is in effect on the date the application for the new license, or transfer, is filed.

"(e) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as entitling a licensee to any preferential treatment or be construed as making inapplicable any provision in any other section of this Act, in any case where an application is made pursuant to this section for the issuance or transfer of a retailer’s license for a place of business conducted in a residential-use district, or for the issuance or transfer of a wholesaler’s or manufacturer’s license for a place of business conducted in a residential- or first commercial-use district, as such districts are defined in the zoning regulations and shown in the official atlases of the Zoning Commission, and the applicant for the issuance or transfer of any of the said licenses is the holder of a similar license for any of the said places of business in effect on the date the application for the new license, or transfer, is filed."

Approved May 22, 1958.