

25. Licenses-- Special provisions

STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, §10-226

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(a) Definitions. --

(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "License" means all or any part of permission that:

(i) is required by law to be obtained from a unit;

(ii) is not required only for revenue purposes; and

(iii) is in any form, including:

1. an approval;

2. a certificate;

3. a charter;

4. a permit; or

5. a registration.

(3) "Unit" means an officer or unit that is authorized by law to:

(i) adopt regulations subject to Subtitle 1 of this title; or

(ii) adjudicate contested cases under this subtitle.

(b) Renewal and expiration. -- If, at least 2 calendar weeks before a license expires, the licensee makes sufficient application for renewal of the license, the license does not expire until:

(1) the unit takes final action on the application; and

(2) either:

(i) the time for seeking judicial review of the action expires; or

(ii) any judicial stay of the unit's final action expires.

(c) Revocation or suspension. --

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a unit may not revoke or suspend a license unless the unit first gives the licensee:

(i) written notice of the facts that warrant suspension or revocation; and

(ii) an opportunity to be heard.

(2) A unit may order summarily the suspension of a license if the unit:

(i) finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action; and

(ii) promptly gives the licensee:

1. written notice of the suspension, the finding, and the reasons that support the finding; and

2. an opportunity to be heard.