

HOUSE BILL 717

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Findings**

3 **Ho. Co. 7–10**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring in Howard County the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage
5 Hearing Board, on determining whether to approve an application for a new
6 Class A license, regardless of kind, to include certain findings in its written
7 decision; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard
8 County.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 9–214(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 10–202(a)(2)(i)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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9–214.

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(E) ON DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW CLASS A LICENSE, REGARDLESS OF KIND, THE APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS WRITTEN DECISION FINDINGS AS TO EACH OF THE FACTORS SET FORTH IN § 10–202(A)(2)(I) OF THIS ARTICLE.

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(a) (2) (i) Before approving an application and issuing a license, the board shall consider:

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1. The public need and desire for the license;

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2. The number and location of existing licensees and the potential effect on existing licensees of the license applied for;

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3. The potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products to be offered by the applicant’s business;

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4. The impact on the general health, safety, and welfare of the community, including issues relating to crime, traffic conditions, parking, or convenience; and

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5. Any other necessary factors as determined by the board.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.