

## Chapter 161

(House Bill 717)

AN ACT concerning

### Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Findings

Ho. Co. 7-10

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

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9-214(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 10-202(a)(2)(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

#### Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

9-214.

**(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.**

10-202.

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

1. The public need and desire for the license;
2. The number and location of existing licensees and the potential effect on existing licensees of the license applied for;
3. The potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products to be offered by the applicant's business;
4. The impact on the general health, safety, and welfare of the community, including issues relating to crime, traffic conditions, parking, or convenience; and
5. Any other necessary factors as determined by the board.

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.**