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**By: Delegate DeCarlo**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
3 **(Procedure - Notice of Charges)**

4 FOR the purpose of providing in Baltimore County for notice of charges of complaint in  
5 measures affecting alcoholic beverages licenses to be served in a certain manner;  
6 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to petition the Circuit Court for  
7 Baltimore County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 10-403  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

17 10-403.

18 (a) The Comptroller or the Board of License Commissioners for any county or  
19 Baltimore City, as the case may be, may on its own initiative or upon the written  
20 complaint of ten or more citizens, residents, real estate owners and voters of the precinct  
21 in which any licensed place of business is situated or upon the complaint of any deputy or  
22 inspector employed by the Comptroller in the administration of this law, or any peace  
23 officer, or if the licensee is located within the corporate limits of any municipality, which  
24 is within a county, upon complaint of the mayor and council of that municipality, after a  
25 hearing upon charges to be framed by the officer or Board, or upon the complaint, notice  
26 of which shall be given to the licensee at least ten days before the hearing, revoke or  
27 suspend any license issued under the provisions of this article. Nothing contained in this  
28 section shall prevent the immediate suspension of any license by the Comptroller as  
29 provided, nor in Kent County, the remedies provided in § 15-112(j) of this article.

30 (b) In Allegany County such a complaint may be made by ten or more of such  
31 persons of the vicinity in which any licensed place of business is situated.

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1 (C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.

2 (2) NOTICE OF THE CHARGES OF COMPLAINT SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE  
3 LICENSEE BY PERSONAL SERVICE ON THE LICENSEE OR ANY ADULT EMPLOYEE OF  
4 THE LICENSEE AND BY ANY OTHER METHOD OF SERVICE OF NOTICE THAT IS IN  
5 CONFORMITY WITH MARYLAND RULES 2-121 AND 2-122.

6 (3) IN ADDITION TO AUTHORIZED METHODS OF SERVICE OF NOTICE,  
7 THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
8 AN ORDER ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
9 MARYLAND RULES 2-121 AND 2-122.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 1996.