

## Chapter 377

(Senate Bill 1112)

AN ACT concerning

### Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Population Restrictions on Class A Licenses

FOR the purpose of limiting the number of Class A licenses of any type that the Board of License Commissioners of Howard County may issue based on a certain license-to-population ratio using county population data as determined by the latest federal census; providing a certain exception; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9–214(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 9–214(f)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 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.

(a) This section applies only in Howard County.

**(F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT ISSUE MORE THAN ONE CLASS A LICENSE OF ANY TYPE FOR EVERY 4,000 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AS DETERMINED BY THE LATEST FEDERAL CENSUS.**

**(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSE ISSUED FOR USE IN AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER OR IN A PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT FOR WHICH A BUILDING PERMIT**

**HAS BEEN ISSUED THAT CONTAINS 200,000 OR MORE SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL RETAIL SPACE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

**Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.**