

# HOUSE BILL 1090

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Population Restriction on Class A**  
3 **Licenses**

4 **Ho. Co. 1–14**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 9–214(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
17 Section 9–214(f)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 9–214.

24 (a) This section applies only in Howard County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

5           **(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A**  
6 **LICENSE ISSUED FOR USE IN AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER OR A PROPOSED**  
7 **SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT FOR WHICH A BUILDING PERMIT HAS BEEN**  
8 **ISSUED THAT CONTAINS 200,000 OR MORE SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL**  
9 **RETAIL SPACE.**

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