
By: **Delegates Bozman and Conway**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Premises Licensed for Alcoholic Beverages Sales - Noise**
3 **Level**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting music played on a premises licensed for alcoholic
5 beverages sales to exceed certain noise level limits in Worcester County;
6 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to take certain action if the
7 Board finds a licensed premises in violation of this Act; and generally relating to
8 premises licensed for alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 12-224.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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 12-224.1.

18 (a) The provisions of this section apply only in Worcester County.

19 (b) The Board of License Commissioners may regulate the time and noise level
20 of the playing of mechanical music boxes, live music, and sound making devices that
21 are used on licensed premises where the sound disturbs the peace, tranquility, safety,
22 and health of the surrounding neighborhood.

23 (C) THE MUSIC PLAYED ON A LICENSED PREMISES MAY NOT EXCEED THE
24 NOISE LEVEL LIMITS UNDER § ZS 1-327 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF
25 WORCESTER COUNTY.

26 (D) IF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FINDS A LICENSED
27 PREMISES IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY:

- 1 (1) REQUIRE THE LICENSEE TO ALTER THE TIME THAT THE MUSIC IS
2 PLAYED;
- 3 (2) REQUIRE THE LICENSEE TO REDUCE THE NOISE LEVEL; OR
- 4 (3) SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2006.