

HOUSE BILL 80

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Minimum Seating Capacity for**
3 **Licensed Restaurants**

4 FOR the purpose of lowering the minimum seating capacity requirement for
5 restaurants in Wicomico County for which a Class B beer, wine and liquor
6 license is issued; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
7 Wicomico County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 6–201(a)(1) and (x)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 6–201(x)(2)(iv)1.C.
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 6–201.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) A Class B beer, wine and liquor license shall be issued by the
2 license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located, and
3 the license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and sell all alcoholic beverages at
4 retail at any hotel or restaurant at the place described, for consumption on the
5 premises or elsewhere, or as provided in this section.

6 (x) (1) This subsection applies only in Wicomico County.

7 (2) (iv) 1. This license may be issued only to a restaurant that:

8 C. Has a regular seating capacity at tables (not including
9 seats at bars or counters) for [75] **40** or more persons seated comfortably and
10 adequately and shall meet the minimum requirements of the fire code applicable to
11 the jurisdiction where the restaurant is located; and

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2007.