

# HOUSE BILL 80

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By: **Delegates Cane, Eckardt, Elmore, Haddaway, and Mathias**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

4 6-201.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.