

HOUSE BILL 170

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By: **Delegates Mathias and Conway**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service of Notice of Charges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring in Worcester County that a notice of charges of
4 complaint in measures affecting alcoholic beverages licenses be served in a
5 certain manner; requiring a copy of the notice of charges or a certain letter to be
6 mailed to a licensee under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
7 alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 10–403(a)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 10–403(c)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 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 10–403.

22 (a) (1) The Comptroller or the Board of License Commissioners for any
23 county or Baltimore City, as the case may be, may on its own initiative or upon the
24 written complaint of ten or more citizens, residents, real estate owners and voters of
25 the precinct in which any licensed place of business is situated or upon the complaint

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 of any deputy or inspector employed by the Comptroller in the administration of this
2 law, or any peace officer, or if the licensee is located within the corporate limits of any
3 municipality, which is within a county, upon complaint of the mayor and council of
4 that municipality, after a hearing upon charges to be framed by the officer or Board, or
5 upon the complaint, notice of which shall be given to the licensee at least ten days
6 before the hearing, revoke or suspend any license issued under the provisions of this
7 article.

8 (c) (1) This subsection applies only in Baltimore County **AND IN**
9 **WORCESTER COUNTY.**

10 (2) Notice of the charges of complaint shall be given to the licensee by
11 personal service on the licensee or any adult employee of the licensee or by any other
12 method of service of notice that is in conformity with Maryland Rules 2-121 and
13 2-122.

14 (3) If service of notice is given to an adult employee of the licensee
15 under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a copy of the notice or a letter describing the
16 contents of the notice shall be mailed to the home or business address of the licensee
17 within 72 hours of the day service is given to the adult employee.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2008.