CHAPTER 146

(House Bill 616)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hearing Board and Liquor Board Personnel

Ho. Co. 11-09

FOR the purpose of specifying that personnel needed in Howard County to carry out the duties of the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board and the Board of License Commissioners be included in the staff of the County Council and supervised by the County Council Administrator; repealing a provision of law that requires the director of a certain agency to provide a single administrator to serve both the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board and the Board of License Commissioners; repealing a provision of law that authorizes the director of a certain agency to provide certain staffing; and generally relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 15–107.1(a)(1) through (4) and (6) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 15–107.1(g)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

BY adding to

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Article 2B-Alcoholic Beverages} \\ \mbox{Section 15-107.1(g)(1)} \\ \mbox{Annotated Code of Maryland} \\ \mbox{(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)} \end{array}$

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

15 - 107.1.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

- (2) "County" means Howard County.
- (3) "County Council" means the County Council for Howard County.

(4) "Hearing Board" means the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board in Howard County.

(6) "Liquor Board" means the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County.

[(g) (1) The director of the County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits shall provide a single administrator to serve both the Hearing Board and the Liquor Board, and may provide other staffing to the boards as necessary to carry out the duties of the boards.]

(G) (1) PERSONNEL NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE HEARING BOARD AND THE LIQUOR BOARD SHALL BE:

(I) INCLUDED IN THE STAFF OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL; AND

(II) SUPERVISED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.