

# HOUSE BILL 717

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2010

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Findings**

3 **Ho. Co. 7–10**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring in Howard County the Appointed Alcoholic Beverage  
5 Hearing Board, on determining whether to approve an application for a new  
6 Class A license, regardless of kind, to include certain findings in its written  
7 decision; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard  
8 County.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 9–214(e)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 10–202(a)(2)(i)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 9–214.

23 **(E) ON DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A**  
24 **NEW CLASS A LICENSE, REGARDLESS OF KIND, THE APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS WRITTEN DECISION**  
2 **FINDINGS AS TO EACH OF THE FACTORS SET FORTH IN § 10-202(A)(2)(I) OF THIS**  
3 **ARTICLE.**

4 10-202.

5 (a) (2) (i) Before approving an application and issuing a license, the  
6 board shall consider:

7 1. The public need and desire for the license;

8 2. The number and location of existing licensees and the  
9 potential effect on existing licensees of the license applied for;

10 3. The potential commonality or uniqueness of the  
11 services and products to be offered by the applicant's business;

12 4. The impact on the general health, safety, and welfare  
13 of the community, including issues relating to crime, traffic conditions, parking, or  
14 convenience; and

15 5. Any other necessary factors as determined by the  
16 board.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 July 1, 2010.