

Chapter 161

(House Bill 717)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Findings

Ho. Co. 7-10

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

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9-214(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 10-202(a)(2)(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

9-214.

(E) ON DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW CLASS A LICENSE, REGARDLESS OF KIND, THE APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS WRITTEN DECISION FINDINGS AS TO EACH OF THE FACTORS SET FORTH IN § 10-202(A)(2)(I) OF THIS ARTICLE.

10-202.

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

1. The public need and desire for the license;
2. The number and location of existing licensees and the potential effect on existing licensees of the license applied for;
3. The potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products to be offered by the applicant's business;
4. The impact on the general health, safety, and welfare of the community, including issues relating to crime, traffic conditions, parking, or convenience; and
5. Any other necessary factors as determined by the board.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.