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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 270 (Delegate Rice, *et al.*)  
Economic Matters

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Alcoholic Beverages - Licensed Restaurants - Extended Hours for Food Service

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This bill allows a restaurant that holds a Class B (beer; beer and wine; or beer, wine, and liquor) or a Class H (beer or beer and wine) license to remain open until 2 a.m. for the service of food only.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in local government expenditures for additional enforcement activities resulting from extended hours in certain establishments.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Although there are exceptions for some jurisdictions, the following hours are generally prescribed in statute for Class B and Class H licenses:

Class B (beer)	6 a.m. to midnight
Class H (beer)	9 a.m. to midnight
Class B (beer and wine)	6 a.m. to midnight
Class H (beer and wine)	9 a.m. to midnight
Class B (beer, wine, and liquor)	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the following day

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Dorchester, Garrett, and Montgomery counties; City of Annapolis; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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