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House Bill 717

(Howard County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Licenses - Findings Ho. Co. 7-10

This bill requires the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board, on determining whether to approve an application for any new Class A (off-sale) license, to include findings as to each of several specified factors in its written decision.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill will not impact local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Before approving an application and issuing a license, the board must consider:

- the public need and desire for the license;
- the number and location of existing licensees and the potential effect on existing licensees of the license applied for;
- the potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products to be offered by the applicant's business;

- the impact on the general health, safety, and welfare of the community, including issues relating to crime, traffic, parking, or convenience; and
- any other necessary factor as determined by the board.

This bill specifies that the board must include in its written decision findings as to each of these factors.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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