

**HB1229/103029/1**

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1229  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “**Regulations**”; strike beginning with “adopt” in line 6 down through “testimony” in line 9 and substitute “consider, before deciding whether to approve an application and issue a new license permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, the impact of the density of existing retail establishments licensed in the county to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on the public health and safety of the community”; in line 13, after “Section” insert “4-210(a) and”; strike in their entirety lines 16 through 20, inclusive; and after line 25, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 25-1507  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 3, insert:

“4-210.

(a) Before deciding whether to approve an application and issue a license, a local licensing board shall consider:

- (1) the public need and desire for the license;
- (2) the number and location of existing license holders;

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(3) the potential effect on existing license holders of the license for which application is made;

(4) the potential commonality or uniqueness of the services and products to be offered by the business of the applicant;

(5) the impact of the license for which application is made on the health, safety, and welfare of the community, including issues relating to crime, traffic, parking, or convenience; and

(6) any other factor that the local licensing board considers necessary.”;

and strike in their entirety lines 6 through 23, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 20, strike “§ 25–207” and substitute “§ 25–1507”; and after line 20, insert:

“25–1507.

BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION AND ISSUE A NEW LICENSE PERMITTING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF THE DENSITY OF EXISTING RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED IN THE COUNTY TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY.”.