

# HOUSE BILL 1151

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Class A Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Quota by Election**  
3 **District**

4 **Ho. Co. 02–21**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the quota system for Class A licenses in Howard County so as  
6 to limit the issuance of the licenses to not more than one for a certain number of  
7 residents in each election district, rather than in the county; and generally relating  
8 to Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 23–102  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 23–1601  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 23–102.

23 This title applies only in Howard County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 23-1601.

2 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue  
3 more than one Class A license of any type for every 4,000 residents of [the county] **EACH**  
4 **ELECTION DISTRICT**, as determined by the latest federal census.

5 (b) This section does not apply to a Class A license issued for use in an existing  
6 shopping center or in a proposed shopping center development for which a building permit  
7 has been issued that contains 200,000 or more square feet of commercial retail space.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2021.