

HOUSE BILL 1151

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

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~~ authorizing the Board
8 of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue up to six Class A licenses in
9 each election district in the county; authorizing the Board to issue more than six
10 Class A licenses in each election district in the county under certain circumstances;
11 providing for the application of this Act; making stylistic changes; and generally
12 relating to Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 23–102
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
20 Section 23–1601
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 23–102.

5 This title applies only in Howard County.

6 23–1601.

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

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

13 **(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE UP TO SIX CLASS A LICENSES IN EACH**
14 **ELECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY.**

15 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
16 **BOARD MAY ISSUE MORE THAN SIX CLASS A LICENSES IN AN ELECTION DISTRICT,**
17 **PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASS A LICENSES IN ANY ELECTION**
18 **DISTRICT DOES NOT EXCEED ONE CLASS A LICENSE OF ANY TYPE FOR EVERY 4,000**
19 **RESIDENTS OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT, AS DETERMINED BY THE LATEST FEDERAL**
20 **CENSUS.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
22 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
23 application to a Class A license issued before the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2021.