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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Limitation**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Howard County the issuance of a new Class A
4 license, regardless of kind, if the aggregate number of Class A licenses in the
5 regional planning district where the licensed establishment would be located
6 already exceeds a certain number; prohibiting the issuance of the license if the
7 issuance would cause the number of Class A licenses in the regional planning
8 district to exceed a certain number; specifying that the renewal or transfer of a
9 license is not a new license for purposes of this Act; specifying a certain
10 exception; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
11 licenses in Howard County.

12 BY adding to
13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 9–214(e)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 9-214.

2 (E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT”
3 MEANS A REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT SHOWN IN THE MAP INCLUDED IN THE
4 MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE CONSTRUCTION REPORT OF THE HOWARD
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING.

6 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS
7 SUBSECTION, THE APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD MAY
8 NOT ISSUE A NEW CLASS A LICENSE, REGARDLESS OF KIND, IF:

9 (I) THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF CLASS A LICENSES,
10 REGARDLESS OF KIND, ALREADY EXCEEDS ONE CLASS A LICENSE FOR EVERY
11 2,600 RESIDENTS IN THE REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT WHERE THE LICENSED
12 ESTABLISHMENT WOULD BE LOCATED; OR

13 (II) THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE WOULD CAUSE THE
14 AGGREGATE NUMBER OF CLASS A LICENSES, REGARDLESS OF KIND, TO EXCEED
15 ONE CLASS A LICENSE FOR EVERY 2,600 RESIDENTS IN THE REGIONAL
16 PLANNING DISTRICT WHERE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT WOULD BE
17 LOCATED.

18 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CLASS A LICENSE
19 THAT IS RENEWED OR TRANSFERRED BY THE APPOINTED ALCOHOLIC
20 BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD IS NOT A NEW LICENSE.

21 (4) A WINERY THAT APPLIES FOR A CLASS A LIGHT WINE
22 LICENSE UNDER § 4-201 OF THIS ARTICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE QUOTA
23 LIMITATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2010.