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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limitation on Issuance and Renewal of**
3 **Class A Licenses**

4 **Ho. Co. 11–22**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County
6 from issuing or renewing a Class A license in a certain geographic sector of an
7 election district if the issuance or renewal will result in the proportion of Class A
8 licenses within the geographic sector exceeding the proportion of the population of
9 the election district that resides in that geographic sector; requiring the Board to
10 publish and regularly update certain information on the Board’s website; and
11 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 23–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 23–1601.1

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



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

6 23–102.

7 This title applies only in Howard County.

8 **23–1601.1.**

9 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “GEOGRAPHIC SECTOR” MEANS ANY AREA OF AN
10 ELECTION DISTRICT WITH A RADIUS OF 1 MILE.

11 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 23–1601 OF THIS SUBTITLE,
12 THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE OR RENEW A CLASS A LICENSE IN ANY GEOGRAPHIC
13 SECTOR IF THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE WILL RESULT IN THE
14 PROPORTION OF CLASS A LICENSES IN THE GEOGRAPHIC SECTOR EXCEEDING THE
15 PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT, AS DETERMINED BY
16 THE LAST DECENNIAL CENSUS, THAT RESIDES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC SECTOR.

17 (C) THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH AND REGULARLY UPDATE ON THE BOARD’S
18 WEBSITE THE LOCATION OF EACH CLASS A LICENSE IN THE COUNTY.

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

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2022.