

# HOUSE BILL 170

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By: **Delegates Mathias and Conway**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service of Notice of Charges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring in Worcester County that a notice of charges of  
4 complaint in measures affecting alcoholic beverages licenses be served in a  
5 certain manner; requiring a copy of the notice of charges or a certain letter to be  
6 mailed to a licensee under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
7 alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 10–403(a)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 10–403(c)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 10–403.

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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           (a)   (1)   The Comptroller or the Board of License Commissioners for any  
2 county or Baltimore City, as the case may be, may on its own initiative or upon the  
3 written complaint of ten or more citizens, residents, real estate owners and voters of  
4 the precinct in which any licensed place of business is situated or upon the complaint  
5 of any deputy or inspector employed by the Comptroller in the administration of this  
6 law, or any peace officer, or if the licensee is located within the corporate limits of any  
7 municipality, which is within a county, upon complaint of the mayor and council of  
8 that municipality, after a hearing upon charges to be framed by the officer or Board, or  
9 upon the complaint, notice of which shall be given to the licensee at least ten days  
10 before the hearing, revoke or suspend any license issued under the provisions of this  
11 article.

12           (c)   (1)   This subsection applies only in Baltimore County **AND IN**  
13 **WORCESTER COUNTY.**

14                   (2)   Notice of the charges of complaint shall be given to the licensee by  
15 personal service on the licensee or any adult employee of the licensee or by any other  
16 method of service of notice that is in conformity with Maryland Rules 2-121 and  
17 2-122.

18                   (3)   If service of notice is given to an adult employee of the licensee  
19 under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a copy of the notice or a letter describing the  
20 contents of the notice shall be mailed to the home or business address of the licensee  
21 within 72 hours of the day service is given to the adult employee.

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2008.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.