

CHAPTER 48

(House Bill 170)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Service of Notice of Charges

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

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

10–403.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.