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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcoholic Beverages Inspectors**

3 **Ho. Co. 03-21**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing an alcoholic beverages inspector to issue a citation in
5 Howard County; requiring an inspector to complete a training program in the use of
6 arrest authority and pertinent police procedures; prohibiting an inspector from
7 carrying a firearm in the performance of the inspector’s duties; requiring the Howard
8 County Police Department to employ certain inspectors, rather than requiring the
9 Chief of the County Police Department to provide a sworn member of the County
10 Police Department as an inspector; requiring the Chief of the County Police
11 Department to have certain authority over the hiring of inspectors; and generally
12 relating to alcoholic beverages 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

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



1 Section 23–207(d)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
5 Article – Criminal Law
6 Section 10–119(a)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Criminal Law
11 Section 10–119(b)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 23–102.

18 This title applies only in Howard County.

19 23–207.

20 (d) (1) Personnel needed to carry out the duties of the Hearing Board and the
21 Board of License Commissioners shall be:

22 (i) included in the staff of the County Council; and

23 (ii) supervised by the County Council Administrator.

24 (2) **(I)** The [Chief of the] County Police Department shall [provide a
25 sworn member of the County Police Department as an inspector] **EMPLOY INSPECTORS**
26 to assist the Hearing Board and the Board of License Commissioners in carrying out their
27 responsibilities and in enforcing the law.

1 inspector's jurisdiction, an alcoholic beverages inspector who investigates license violations
2 under the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

3 (2) In Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Harford County, **HOWARD**
4 **COUNTY**, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Talbot County,
5 the inspector shall successfully complete an appropriate program of training in the proper
6 use of arrest authority and pertinent police procedures as required by the board of license
7 commissioners.

8 (3) In Anne Arundel County, Harford County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, Kent
9 County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Talbot County, the inspector
10 may not carry a firearm in the performance of the inspector's duties.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2021.