

CHAPTER 572

(House Bill 402)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County - Premises Licensed for Alcoholic Beverages Sales - Noise Level

FOR the purpose of prohibiting music played on a premises licensed for alcoholic beverages sales to exceed certain noise level limits in Worcester County or the noise level limits in the municipal corporation within Worcester County in which the premises is located; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to take certain action if the Board finds a licensed premises in violation of this Act; and generally relating to premises licensed for alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12-224.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

12-224.1.

(a) The provisions of this section apply only in Worcester County.

(b) The Board of License Commissioners may regulate the time and noise level of the playing of mechanical music boxes, live music, and sound making devices that are used on licensed premises where the sound disturbs the peace, tranquility, safety, and health of the surrounding neighborhood.

(c) THE MUSIC PLAYED ON A LICENSED PREMISES MAY NOT EXCEED THE NOISE LEVEL LIMITS UNDER § ZS 1-327 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF WORCESTER COUNTY OR THE NOISE LEVEL LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN WHICH THE LICENSED PREMISES IS LOCATED.

(d) IF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FINDS A LICENSED PREMISES IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY:

(1) REQUIRE THE LICENSEE TO ALTER THE TIME THAT THE MUSIC IS PLAYED;

(2) REQUIRE THE LICENSEE TO REDUCE THE NOISE LEVEL; OR

(3) SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THAT IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.