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CHAPTER 476

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Bottle Clubs**

3 FOR the purpose of regulating the operation of bottle clubs in Anne Arundel County;  
4 prohibiting an owner or operator of a bottle club from evading the alcoholic  
5 beverages laws in the County and from selling, giving, serving, dispensing,  
6 keeping, or allowing to be consumed in the bottle club alcoholic beverages and  
7 certain other beverages; establishing a certain penalty for a violation of this Act;  
8 defining a certain term; and generally relating to bottle clubs in Anne Arundel  
9 County.

10 BY renumbering

11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 20-101 through 20-108, respectively  
13 to be Section 20-102 through 20-109, respectively  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
18 Section 20-101  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 20-101 through 20-108, respectively, of Article 2B -

1 Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be  
2 Section(s) 20-102 through 20-109, respectively.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
4 read as follows:

5 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

6 20-101.

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "BOTTLE CLUB" MEANS A PREMISES OR  
8 ESTABLISHMENT THAT:

9 (I) IS SUBJECT TO ANY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE STATE OR ANNE  
10 ARUNDEL COUNTY; AND

11 (II) SERVES, GIVES, DISPENSES, KEEPS, OR ALLOWS TO BE  
12 CONSUMED BY A PATRON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM SUPPLIES THAT THE  
13 PATRON PURCHASED, RESERVED, OR OTHERWISE BROUGHT TO THE PREMISES OR  
14 ESTABLISHMENT.

15 (2) "BOTTLE CLUB" INCLUDES A RESTAURANT, ~~TAVERN~~, HOTEL, CLUB,  
16 ROOM, DANCE STUDIO, DISCO, PLACE OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT, OR OTHER PLACE  
17 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

18 (3) "BOTTLE CLUB" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ESTABLISHMENT FOR  
19 WHICH A LICENSE FOR THE PREMISES HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
20 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

22 (C) AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A BOTTLE CLUB MAY NOT:

23 (1) EVADE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAWS IN THE COUNTY,  
24 INCLUDING LAWS GOVERNING THE HOURS OF OPERATION; AND

25 (2) SELL, GIVE, SERVE, DISPENSE, KEEP, OR ALLOW TO BE CONSUMED  
26 IN THE BOTTLE CLUB ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SETUPS, OR OTHER COMPONENT  
27 PARTS OF MIXED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

28 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
29 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR  
30 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR BOTH.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2000.

