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CHAPTER 532

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Open Container Law**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Caroline County to the list of counties in which a person
4 may not possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage while in shopping
5 centers or certain other areas; and generally relating to the prohibition against
6 possessing alcoholic beverages in open containers.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 19-301
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 19-301.

16 (a) (1) This definition applies only in the following jurisdictions:

17 (i) CAROLINE COUNTY;

18 (II) Carroll County;

19 [(ii)] (III) Dorchester County;

1 [(iii)] (IV) Harford County; and

2 [(iv)] (V) Montgomery County.

3 (2) In this section "unless authorized" means the possession and
4 presentation of a written consent by the owner of the property.

5 (b) A person may not possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage, as
6 defined in this article, while:

7 (1) On the mall, adjacent parking area, or other outside area of any
8 combination of privately owned retail establishments, commonly known as a shopping
9 center, to which the general public is invited for business purposes, unless authorized
10 by the owner of the establishment;

11 (2) On an adjacent parking area or other outside area of any other retail
12 establishment, unless authorized by the owner of the establishment; or

13 (3) In any parked vehicle located on any of the places enumerated in this
14 section, unless authorized.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2000.