
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**
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CHAPTER 188

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - ~~Class A (Off-Sale)~~ Alcoholic Beverages Licensees -**
3 **~~Minimum Container Size for Beer~~ Open Containers**
4 **PG 310-04**

5 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing that a Class A (off sale) alcoholic beverages licensee~~
6 making it a misdemeanor for a person in Prince George's County may not sell
7 beer by the container in a to possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage
8 under a certain size; and generally relating to the sale of beer by a Class A
9 licensee in Prince George's County circumstances; establishing a penalty;
10 making certain technical changes; and generally relating to open containers of
11 alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section ~~3-101(r), 5-101(r), and 6-101(r)~~ 19-301, 19-302, and 19-303
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

17 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
18 ~~Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages~~
19 ~~Section 10-401(a)(1) and (2)~~
20 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
21 ~~(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~

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

1 (VI) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

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

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

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

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

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

14 19-302.

15 Any person who violates the provisions of this [subheading] SUBTITLE is guilty
16 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

17 19-303.

18 This [subheading] SUBTITLE applies only in the following counties:

19 (1) Allegany County;

20 (2) Baltimore County, including motorcycles located on any of the places
21 enumerated in § 19-301 of this [subheading] SUBTITLE, unless authorized;

22 (3) Calvert County;

23 (4) Carroll County, including motorcycles located on any of the places
24 enumerated in § 19-301 of this [subheading] SUBTITLE, unless authorized;

25 (5) Cecil County;

26 (6) Charles County;

27 (7) Dorchester County;

28 (8) Frederick County;

29 (9) Garrett County;

30 (10) Harford County;

31 (11) Howard County;

1 (12) Montgomery County;

2 (13) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY;

3 [(13)] (14) St. Mary's County; and

4 [(14)] (15) Somerset County.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2004.