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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum amount of fines that the Board of
4 License Commissioners of Kent County may impose for first, second, and third
5 or subsequent violations of alcoholic beverages provisions; and generally
6 relating to alcoholic beverages in Kent County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 16-507(p)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 16-507(p)(2)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

20 16-507.

21 (p) (1) This subsection applies only in Kent County.

1 (2) Except as provided otherwise, the Board of License Commissioners
2 may impose the following penalties for a violation of any provision of this article:

3 (i) For the first offense:

- 4 1. Suspension of the license;
- 5 2. Closure of the place of business for not more than 15 days;
- 6 and
- 7 3. A fine not exceeding [~~\$500~~] \$1,000;

8 (ii) For the second offense:

- 9 1. Suspension of the license;
- 10 2. Closure of the place of business for not more than 30 days;
- 11 and
- 12 3. A fine not exceeding [~~\$1,000~~] \$2,000;

13 (iii) For the third or subsequent offense:

- 14 1. Suspension of the license;
- 15 2. Closure of the place of business for not more than 90 days;
- 16 and
- 17 3. A fine not exceeding [~~\$2,000~~] \$2,500; and

18 (iv) For a third offense that is the same as either of the 2 previous
19 offenses:

- 20 1. Revocation of the license;
- 21 2. Prohibition of licensure of the violator; and
- 22 3. Prohibition of licensure of the premises for a period of not
23 more than 1 year from the date of the revocation of the license.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2005.

