

HOUSE BILL 705

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

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Penalties**

3 **PG 304–15**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the penalties that the Prince George's County Board of License
5 Commissioners may impose for a violation that is cause for suspension or revocation
6 of a license under certain alcoholic beverages laws; ~~authorizing the imposition of a~~
7 ~~certain penalty for a subsequent offense~~ requiring, except under certain
8 circumstances, the board to suspend a license for a certain period of time under
9 certain circumstances; and generally relating to penalties for alcoholic beverages in
10 Prince George's County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 16–507(r)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 16–507.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(r) In Prince George's County [the Board of License Commissioners may impose a fine not exceeding \$12,500], ~~instead of or in addition to suspension or revocation of a license~~ for any violation that is cause for suspension or revocation under the alcoholic beverage laws affecting Prince George's County, **THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY:**

(1) INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, MAY:

~~(1)~~ **(I) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE:**

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM 2 OF THIS ITEM, IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ~~\$1,000~~ \$1,500; AND OR

2. FOR A VIOLATION OF § 10-117 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE, IMPOSE A FINE OF \$1,500;

~~(2)~~ **(II) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IN THE SAME 24-MONTH PERIOD, IMPOSE A FINE OF ~~NOT MORE THAN \$5,000~~ NOT LESS THAN \$1,501 AND NOT EXCEEDING \$6,000; AND**

(III) FOR A THIRD OFFENSE IN THE SAME 24-MONTH PERIOD, IMPOSE A FINE OF \$7,500; AND

(2) FOR A FOURTH OFFENSE IN THE SAME 24-MONTH PERIOD, UNLESS THE BOARD REVOKES THE LICENSE, SHALL SUSPEND THE LICENSE FOR 30 DAYS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.