

Chapter 259

(House Bill 544)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages – Bottle Clubs

FOR the purpose of defining a bottle club in Calvert County to mean an establishment that is a certain type of restaurant or nightclub; prohibiting a bottle club in the county from giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–103.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

20–103.1.

(a) This section applies only in Calvert County.

(B) IN CALVERT COUNTY, A BOTTLE CLUB IS EXPLICITLY DEFINED AS, AND LIMITED TO, AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS:

(1) A RESTAURANT THAT ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC AND IS EQUIPPED WITH A DINING ROOM WITH FACILITIES FOR PREPARING AND SERVING REGULAR MEALS; OR

(2) A NIGHTCLUB THAT OFFERS TO THE PUBLIC MUSIC, DANCING, OR OTHER NIGHTTIME ENTERTAINMENT.

[(b)](C) (1) **[Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an] AN establishment that is A BOTTLE CLUB AND IS not licensed by the Board of License Commissioners may not give, serve, dispense, keep, or allow to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages.**

(2) A volunteer fire department, rescue squad, or emergency medical services organization may conduct no more than four events each year to which individuals

may bring alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises or on premises under the control or possession of the volunteer fire department, rescue squad, or emergency medical services organization.

[(c)](D) A person that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or both.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.