Chapter 564

(Senate Bill 587)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages - Sale of Powdered Alcohol - Prohibition

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with water or any other substance; providing a certain penalty; <u>providing for the termination of this Act</u>; and generally relating to a prohibition on the sale of powdered alcohol.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6–326, 6–327, 6–328, and 6–329, respectively

to be Section 6–327, 6–328, 6–329, and 6–330, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6-326

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 6–326, 6–327, 6–328, and 6–329, respectively, of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 6–327, 6–328, 6–329, and 6–330, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

6-326.

(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE SOLD IN POWDER OR CRYSTALLINE FORM FOR DIRECT USE OR USE IN COMBINATION WITH WATER OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE.

- (B) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.
 - (2) EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016. <u>It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.</u>

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2016.