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Senate Bill 725

(The President)(By Request - Department of Legislative
Services - Code Revision)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Cross-References and Corrections

This code revision bill corrects cross-references to the new Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and corrects various errors in that article.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is technical in nature and does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The bill is a companion to Senate Bill 724, which adds the new Alcoholic Beverages Article to the Annotated Code. The new Alcoholic Beverages Article as a whole governs the laws relating to alcoholic beverages, such as State and locally issued permits and licenses, general beer regulation, forfeitures, enforcement, prohibited acts, and penalties. The article is composed of two divisions. Division I of the article contains general provisions that affect multiple jurisdictions (“jurisdiction” in this article means the City of Annapolis, Baltimore City, or one of the State’s 23 counties). Division II of the article contains provisions unique to individual jurisdictions and comprises 25 titles, with each title devoted to a single jurisdiction.

The Alcoholic Beverages Article is the thirty-sixth and final product of the Annotated Code of Maryland code revision project conducted by the legal staff of the Office of Policy Analysis of the Department of Legislative Services. The first revised articles were enacted at the first extraordinary session of 1973, and, as of the date of the introduction in the General Assembly of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, the entire Maryland Code has been revised. The other 35 revised articles are: Agriculture, Business Occupations and Professions, Business Regulation, Commercial Law, Corporations and Associations, Correctional Services, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Economic Development, Education, Election Law, Environment (formerly Health - Environmental), Estates and Trusts, Family Law, Financial Institutions, General Provisions, Health - General, Health Occupations, Housing and Community Development, Human Services, Insurance, Labor and Employment, Land Use, Local Government, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Public Utilities (formerly Public Utility Companies), Real Property, State Finance and Procurement, State Government, State Personnel and Pensions, Tax - General, Tax - Property, and Transportation.

Each revised article is a formal bulk revision under the guidelines set in 1970, which include improvement of organization, elimination of obsolete or unconstitutional provisions, resolution of inconsistencies and conflicts in the law, correction of unintended gaps or omissions in the law, deletion of repetitive or otherwise superfluous language, and general improvement of language and expression.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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