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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Sales to Adults and Possession by Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that a person may not provide alcoholic beverages to
4 another person if the provider knows that the other person is under a certain age
5 and the provider furnishes the alcoholic beverage for the purpose of consumption by
6 the other person or if the alcoholic beverage is placed in the possession of or under
7 the control of the other person.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
10 Section 401A
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

16 401A.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person may not furnish
18 any alcoholic beverage to another person if:

19 (1) The person furnishing the beverage knows that the person is under 21
20 years of age; and

21 (2) (I) The alcoholic beverage is furnished for the purpose of
22 consumption by the person under 21 years of age; OR

23 (II) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IS PLACED IN THE POSSESSION OF
24 OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF A PERSON WHO IS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

25 (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) of this section does not apply if the
26 individual furnishing the alcoholic beverage and the individual to whom the beverage is
27 served:

28 (1) Are members of the same immediate family, and the beverage is
29 furnished and consumed in a private residence; or

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1 (2) Are participants in a religious ceremony.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 June 1, 1996.