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**By: Senator Craig**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Credit for Beer Sales**  
3 **(Regulation by Comptroller)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the Comptroller to regulate beer credit sales  
5 from wholesalers to retailers; disclaiming certain sales; making certain stylistic  
6 changes; and generally relating to the authority of the Comptroller to regulate  
7 alcoholic beverages.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 12-112(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 12-112.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 12-112.

22 (a) This section applies only in the following jurisdictions:

23 (1) Baltimore City;

24 (2) ALLEGANY;

25 (3) ANNE ARUNDEL;

26 [(2)] (4) Caroline;

27 [(3)] (5) Cecil;

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- 1            [(4)] (6) Charles;
- 2            (7) DORCHESTER;
- 3            (8) FREDERICK;
- 4            (9) GARRETT;
- 5            [(5)] (10) Harford;
- 6            [(6)] (11) Kent;
- 7            (12) PRINCE GEORGE'S;
- 8            [(7)] (13) Queen Anne's;
- 9            [(8)] (14) St. Mary's;
- 10           [(9)] (15) Somerset;
- 11           [(10)] (16) Talbot;
- 12           (17) WASHINGTON;
- 13           [(11)] (18) Wicomico; and
- 14           [(12)] (19) Worcester.

15 12-112.1.

16            (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE JURISDICTIONS LISTED IN §  
17 12-112(A) OF THIS ARTICLE.

18            (B) THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER SHALL REGULATE BEER CREDIT  
19 SALES FROM WHOLESALERS TO RETAILERS.

20            (C) TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
21 OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS. THE  
22 REGULATIONS MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1998.

23            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1997.