

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

(First Reading File Joint Resolution)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Harkins” and substitute “, Harkins, Klausmeier, DeCarlo, Comeau, Cryor, Faulkner, Hecht, Krysiak, Mandel, McKee, McIntosh, Ports, Preis, Redmer, Shriver, Stup, and Weir”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 5, after “entities” insert “; urging the President and Congress of the United States to support and enact legislation to resolve the problem of the direct shipment of alcoholic beverages to consumers across state lines; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to study and submit a certain report by a certain date”; and after line 15, insert:

“WHEREAS, Illegal shipments of beer, wine, and distilled spirits sold over the Internet or through direct mail have blossomed into a \$1 billion a year business; and

WHEREAS, As a result, states’ rights are routinely violated and state governments are losing between \$200 million and \$400 million in tax revenues each year; and

WHEREAS, The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which must issue permits for most alcoholic beverage producers, could remove the licenses of producers who ship directly, but has not chosen to do so on a widespread basis; and”;

and in line 21, after “programs” insert “or by simply logging onto their computers”.

On page 2, after line 15, insert:

“RESOLVED, That the President and the Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to support and enact legislation that will resolve the problem of shipping alcoholic beverages to

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consumers across state lines, such as legislation that would enable states, such as Maryland, to have access to federal court to enforce their own anti-direct delivery laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Legislative Services study and, on or before November 1, 1998, submit a report to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee on the State regulation of alcoholic beverages in Maryland and on any restrictions on business practices in the sale of alcoholic beverages by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers, including the direct shipment of alcoholic beverages to consumers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the report prepared by the Department of Legislative Services shall include an analysis of the regulation of alcoholic beverages as well as business practices regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages in other states and an analysis of federal and state case law on both alcoholic beverage regulation under the antitrust laws and restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages; and be it further”;

in line 17, after “to” insert “the President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500; the Presiding Officers of each house of the United States Congress; the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Secretary of the United States Senate, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;”; and strike beginning with the first “the” in line 18 down through “Delegates;” in line 19.