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By: **Chairman, Economic Matters Committee (Departmental - Comptroller)**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Solicitors' Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain permit requirement under the Office of the  
4 Comptroller to include the promoting, selling, and offering for sale of beer;  
5 expanding the purpose of a solicitor's permit; adding clarifying language; and  
6 generally relating to an alcoholic beverages solicitor's permit.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 2-101(k)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 2-101.

16 (k) [This] A SOLICITOR'S permit may be issued in the discretion of the Office  
17 of the Comptroller and, if issued, shall grant a resident or nonresident holder the  
18 privilege of PROMOTING, selling, or offering for sale, BEER, wines or distilled spirits to  
19 manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers in this State. A permit holder may not contact  
20 consumers, and if the person holding the permit is employed by a nonresident dealer,  
21 the person holding the permit is not permitted to sell, promote or offer for sale  
22 alcoholic beverages to retail dealers, except for the account of a Maryland wholesaler  
23 or manufacturer who is a distributor for the products of the employer of the  
24 nonresident person holding such a permit.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect October 1, 1998.