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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Alcoholic Beverages - Solicitors' Permits

3 FOR the purpose of expanding a certain permit requirement under that may be

- 4 <u>issued by</u> the Office of the Comptroller to include the promoting, selling, and
- 5 offering for sale of beer; expanding the purpose of a solicitor's permit; adding
- 6 clarifying language; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
- 7 relating to an alcoholic beverages solicitor's permit.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 9 Article 2B Alcoholic Beverages
- 10 Section 2-101(k)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

16 2-101.

17 (k) [This] A SOLICITOR'S permit may be issued in the discretion of the Office 18 of the Comptroller and, if issued, shall grant a resident or nonresident holder the

19 privilege of PROMOTING, selling, or offering for sale, BEER, wines or distilled spirits to

20 manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers in this State. A permit holder may not contact

21 consumers, and if the person holding the permit is employed by a nonresident dealer,

22 the person holding the permit is not permitted to sell, promote or offer for sale

23 alcoholic beverages to retail dealers, except for the account of a Maryland wholesaler

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1 or manufacturer who is a distributor for the products of the employer of the2 nonresident person holding such a permit.

3 <u>SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to</u> 4 <u>solicitor's permits issued on or after November 1, 1998.</u>

5 SECTION 2. <u>3.</u> AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 6 effect October 1, 1998.