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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Dealers - Credit**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a restriction on retail dealers to whom a wholesaler may
4 intentionally deliver beer on credit; authorizing a retail dealer to request a
5 certain hearing within a certain amount of time after being listed on the
6 Worcester County beer credit control list; requiring the State Comptroller to
7 remove from the list a retail dealer who requests a hearing; requiring the State
8 Comptroller to adopt regulations necessary to administer this Act; repealing the
9 termination date of provisions that prohibit beer wholesalers in Worcester
10 County from providing credit to certain retail dealers; and generally relating to
11 allowing retail dealers in Worcester County to buy beer on credit.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 12-112
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Chapter 507 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996
19 Section 2

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

22 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

23 12-112.

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

25 (1) Baltimore City;

26 (2) Caroline;

- 1 (3) Cecil;
- 2 (4) Charles;
- 3 (5) Dorchester;
- 4 (6) Frederick;
- 5 (7) Garrett;
- 6 (8) Harford;
- 7 (9) Kent;
- 8 (10) Prince George's;
- 9 (11) Queen Anne's;
- 10 (12) St. Mary's;
- 11 (13) Somerset;
- 12 (14) Talbot;
- 13 (15) Washington;
- 14 (16) Wicomico; and
- 15 (17) Worcester.

16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a manufacturer or
17 wholesaler may not sell any beer to any retail dealer except for cash on delivery.

18 (c) (1) This subsection applies only in Worcester County.

19 (2) Subject to the conditions and restrictions provided under paragraphs
20 (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection, a wholesaler may sell beer on credit to a retail
21 dealer who has been doing business for at least 2 years.

22 (3) A wholesaler who extends credit under this subsection may establish
23 different prices for cash and credit transactions.

24 (4) A term of credit extended under this subsection may not exceed 10
25 days, with no grace period.

26 (5) (i) A wholesaler may not intentionally deliver beer to a retail
27 dealer to whom any wholesaler has extended credit under this subsection [and who]
28 IF THE RETAIL DEALER:

29 1. fails to pay the balance owed or makes a payment on the
30 debt by bad [check.] CHECK; AND

