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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Bottle Clubs**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting bottle clubs in St. Mary's County from conducting  
4 certain activities concerning alcoholic beverages and other beverages; defining a  
5 certain term; establishing a certain penalty for violating this Act; and generally  
6 relating to bottle clubs and alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 20-106  
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 20-106.

16 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "BOTTLE CLUB" MEANS ~~A CLUB~~ AN  
17 ESTABLISHMENT THAT GIVES, SERVES, DISPENSES, KEEPS, OR ALLOWS ALCOHOLIC  
18 BEVERAGES TO BE CONSUMED BY PATRONS AFTER LEGAL CLOSING HOURS FOR  
19 ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED UNDER § 11-303 OF THIS ARTICLE FROM SUPPLIES  
20 THAT THE PATRONS PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED OR RESERVED.

21 (2) "BOTTLE CLUB" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS  
22 LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

2 (C) A BOTTLE CLUB MAY NOT GIVE, SERVE, DISPENSE, KEEP, OR ALLOW TO BE  
3 CONSUMED ON ITS PREMISES, OR ON PREMISES UNDER ITS CONTROL OR  
4 POSSESSION, ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SETUPS, OR OTHER COMPONENT PARTS  
5 OR MIXED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AFTER LEGAL CLOSING HOURS OR BEFORE LEGAL  
6 OPENING HOURS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED UNDER § 11-303 OF THIS  
7 ARTICLE.

8 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR  
9 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

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