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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Open Containers**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Wicomico County a person from possessing an
4 alcoholic beverage in an open container in certain places unless authorized in
5 writing by the owner; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico
6 County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 19-301
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 19-301.

16 (a) (1) This definition applies only in the following jurisdictions:

- 17 (i) Carroll County;
- 18 (ii) Dorchester County;
- 19 (iii) Harford County; [and]
- 20 (iv) Montgomery County; AND
- 21 (V) WICOMICO COUNTY.

22 (2) In this section "unless authorized" means the possession and
23 presentation of a written consent by the owner of the property.

1 (b) A person may not possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage, as
2 defined in this article, while:

3 (1) On the mall, adjacent parking area, or other outside area of any
4 combination of privately owned retail establishments, commonly known as a shopping
5 center, to which the general public is invited for business purposes, unless authorized
6 by the owner of the establishment;

7 (2) On an adjacent parking area or other outside area of any other retail
8 establishment, unless authorized by the owner of the establishment; or

9 (3) In any parked vehicle located on any of the places enumerated in this
10 section, unless authorized.

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