

SENATE BILL 711

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By: **Senator Della**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Bottle Clubs**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting bottle clubs in Baltimore City from serving or
4 allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages after legal closing hours;
5 establishing a penalty; defining a certain term; and generally relating to bottle
6 clubs and alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

7 BY renumbering
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 20-101 through 20-105, respectively
10 to be Section 20-102 through 20-106, respectively
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 20-101
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 20-101 through 20-105, respectively, of Article 2B -
20 Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be
21 Section(s) 20-102 through 20-106, respectively.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
23 read as follows:

24 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

25 20-101.

26 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "BOTTLE CLUB" MEANS ANY CLUB THAT SERVES,
27 GIVES, OR ALLOWS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE CONSUMED BY PATRONS:

1 (I) AFTER LEGAL CLOSING HOURS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER
2 § 11-303 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

3 (II) FROM SUPPLIES THAT THE PATRONS PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED
4 OR RESERVED.

5 (2) "BOTTLE CLUB" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY ESTABLISHMENT IF A
6 LICENSE FOR THE PREMISES HAD BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
7 ARTICLE.

8 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

9 (C) A BOTTLE CLUB MAY NOT GIVE, SERVE, DISPENSE, KEEP, OR ALLOW TO BE
10 CONSUMED ON ITS PREMISES, OR ON PREMISES UNDER ITS CONTROL OR
11 POSSESSION, ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SETUPS, OR OTHER COMPONENT PARTS
12 OR MIXED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AFTER LEGAL CLOSING HOURS FOR
13 ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER § 11-303 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14 (D) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A MISDEMEANOR, AND UPON
15 CONVICTION, THE COURT SHALL IMPOSE A FINE OF UP TO \$10,000 OR IMPRISONMENT
16 FOR UP TO 2 YEARS, OR BOTH.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 1998.