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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Interstate Shipment - Felony**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a felony ~~for certain persons in or from another state to~~
4 ship alcoholic beverages to certain persons in the State who do not have a
5 certain license or permit; clarifying that this offense includes certain shipments
6 of alcoholic beverages ordered or purchased through a computer network;
7 providing certain penalties; and generally relating to the interstate sale of
8 alcoholic beverages.

9 BY adding to
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 16-506.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

17 16-506.1.

18 (A) (1) A PERSON IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING
19 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN OR FROM ANOTHER STATE MAY NOT SHIP, CAUSE TO BE
20 SHIPPED, OR DELIVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DIRECTLY TO A RECIPIENT ~~WHO IS~~
21 ~~UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS~~ IN THIS STATE IF THE SELLER, DISTRIBUTOR, SHIPPER,
22 TRANSPORTER, OR RECIPIENT DOES NOT HOLD THE REQUISITE LICENSE OR PERMIT
23 UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

1 (2) THE PROHIBITION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
2 INCLUDES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE ORDERED OR PURCHASED THROUGH A
3 COMPUTER NETWORK.

4 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON
5 CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT
6 EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR BOTH.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 1999.