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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Alcoholic Beverages - Brewed Products - Advertising Signs

- 3 FOR the purpose of increasing the value of a certain sign that a brewer, nonresident
- dealer, or beer wholesaler can provide to retail alcoholic beverages license
- 5 holders; prohibiting a certain sign to exceed a certain value; and generally
- 6 relating to advertising signs for brewed products.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article 2B Alcoholic Beverages
- 9 Section 12-104(c)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 12-104.
- 16 (c) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only to brewed products.
- 17 (2) [A] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A brewer,
- 18 nonresident dealer, or beer wholesaler may not furnish any sign over [\$50] \$150 in
- 19 value to the holder of any retail license issued under the provisions of this article
- 20 where the sign advertises the beer or malt products of a particular brewer,
- 21 nonresident dealer, or beer wholesaler.
- 22 (3) A SIGN THAT IS MANUFACTURED BY A BEER WHOLESALER AND
- 23 FURNISHED TO THE HOLDER OF ANY RETAIL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE
- 24 MAY NOT BE OVER \$50 IN VALUE TO THE HOLDER OF THE RETAIL LICENSE WHERE
- 25 THE SIGN ADVERTISES THE BEER OR MALT PRODUCTS OF THE BEER WHOLESALER.
- 26 [(3)] (4) The sign shall contain brand identifiable advertising matter
- 27 that is prominent, permanent, and equal to the life and value of the utilitarian
- 28 character of the advertising item.

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 2 October 1, 2000.