
By: **Charles County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Suspensions**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an exception for certain licensed premises to the
4 requirement in Charles County that certain alcoholic beverages license
5 suspensions may not be on certain days of the week; making a stylistic change;
6 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 16-507(j)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 16-507.

16 (j) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the contrary, in
17 Charles County, the Board of License Commissioners may impose a fine not to exceed
18 \$1,000 or suspend an alcoholic beverage license, for any violation of the alcoholic
19 beverage laws affecting Charles County. All moneys collected under this subsection
20 shall be deposited into the general funds of the County.

21 (2) (i) In Charles County, if an alcoholic beverages licensee or an
22 employee of an alcoholic beverages licensee sells alcoholic beverages to a person under
23 21 years of age, the Board of License Commissioners may:

24 1. For the first offense, suspend the license for not more than
25 3 days or impose a fine not to exceed \$500 or both; and

26 2. For each subsequent offense, impose a penalty as
27 determined by the Board of License Commissioners.

1 (ii) In Charles County, if an employee of an alcoholic beverages
2 licensee sells alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, the Board of
3 License Commissioners may impose a fine on the employee not to exceed \$50 per
4 offense.

5 (3) (i) In this paragraph the term "economic impact" includes, but is
6 not limited to, the ratio between total sales of alcoholic beverages as compared with
7 the total sales of the establishment before and during a license suspension.

8 (ii) When determining the number of days for a suspension of a
9 license for a subsequent offense as provided for in this subsection, the Board shall
10 consider the class of license and the economic impact the suspension will have on the
11 business.

12 (4) (I) [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
13 PARAGRAPH, IF a license is suspended for 4 days or less, THEN the suspension may
14 not be on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

15 (II) IF A LICENSE IS SUSPENDED FOR 4 DAYS OR LESS AND THE
16 LICENSED PREMISES IS ONLY OPEN ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, OR A
17 COMBINATION OF THOSE DAYS, THEN THE SUSPENSION MAY BE ON A FRIDAY,
18 SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY.

19 (5) A fine levied by the Charles County Board of License Commissioners
20 under this subsection shall be levied in accordance with the provisions of § 10-1001 of
21 the State Government Article.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2001.