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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverage Tax - Tax Rates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering State tax rates for alcoholic beverages in Maryland; and
4 generally relating to alcoholic beverage tax rates.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Tax - General
7 Section 5-105(a), (b), and (c)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Tax - General**

13 5-105.

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the alcoholic beverage
15 tax rate for distilled spirits is:

16 (1) [~~\$1.50~~] \$3.50 for each gallon or [~~39.63~~] 92.47 cents for each liter; and

17 (2) if distilled spirits contain a percentage of alcohol greater than 100
18 proof, an additional tax, for each 1 proof over 100 proof, of [~~1.5~~] 3.5 cents for each
19 gallon or [~~0.3963~~] 0.9247 cents for each liter.

20 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the alcoholic beverage
21 tax rate for wine is [~~40 cents~~] \$1.00 for each gallon or [~~10.57~~] 26.42 cents for each liter.

22 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the alcoholic beverage
23 tax rate on beer is [~~9~~] 25 cents for each gallon or [~~2.3778~~] 6.605 cents for each liter.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2003.