
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Unlawful Drinking and**
3 **Open Containers**
4 **PG 304-06**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the penalties in Prince George's County for drinking an
6 alcoholic beverage and for possessing an open container of an alcoholic beverage
7 in certain locations; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
8 alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 19-202 and 19-301
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 19-204 and 19-302
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18 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 19-202.

23 (a) A person may not drink any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this article,
24 while:

25 (1) On public property, unless authorized by a governmental entity that
26 has jurisdiction over the property;

1 (2) On the mall, adjacent parking area, or other outside area of any
2 combination of privately owned retail establishments, like a shopping center, where
3 the general public is invited for business purposes, unless authorized by the owner of
4 the shopping center;

5 (3) On an adjacent parking area or other outside area of any other retail
6 establishment, unless authorized by the owner of the establishment; or

7 (4) In any parked vehicle located on any of the places enumerated in this
8 subsection, unless authorized.

9 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to the consumption of alcoholic beverages by
10 passengers in the living quarters of a motor home equipped with a toilet and central
11 heating or the passengers of a chartered bus in transit if the owner or operator has
12 consented to the consumption of the beverages.

13 19-204.

14 (A) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
15 person who violates the provisions of this [subheading] SUBTITLE is guilty of a
16 misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

17 (B) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE
18 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT
19 NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 OR BOTH.

20 19-301.

21 (a) (1) This definition applies only in the following jurisdictions:

22 (i) Caroline County;

23 (ii) Carroll County;

24 (iii) Dorchester County;

25 (iv) Harford County;

26 (v) Montgomery County;

27 (vi) Prince George's County; and

28 (vii) Wicomico County.

29 (2) In this section, "unless authorized" means the possession and
30 presentation of a written consent by the owner of the property.

31 (b) A person may not possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage, as
32 defined in this article, while:

1 (1) On the mall, adjacent parking area, or other outside area of any
2 combination of privately owned retail establishments, commonly known as a shopping
3 center, to which the general public is invited for business purposes, unless authorized
4 by the owner of the establishment;

5 (2) On an adjacent parking area or other outside area of any other retail
6 establishment, unless authorized by the owner of the establishment; or

7 (3) In any parked vehicle located on any of the places enumerated in this
8 section, unless authorized.

9 19-302.

10 (A) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A
11 person who violates [the provisions of] this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and
12 [upon] ON conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

13 (B) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE
14 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT
15 NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 OR BOTH.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 July 1, 2006.