

HOUSE BILL 68

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By: **Delegates Cane, Eckardt, Elmore, Haddaway, and Mathias**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Places of Public Entertainment**
3 **and Unlicensed Establishments**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from serving or
5 dispensing certain items or serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be
6 consumed alcoholic beverages or other component parts of mixed alcoholic
7 drinks in certain places of public entertainment; prohibiting a person who
8 operates a certain business establishment for profit in Wicomico County from
9 knowingly allowing customers to bring alcoholic beverages for consumption into
10 the establishment; defining certain terms; establishing a certain penalty; and
11 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in places of public entertainment and
12 unlicensed establishments in Wicomico County.

13 BY adding to
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 20–110
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 **20–110.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
2 MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 (2) “PLACE OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT” MEANS A BUSINESS
4 ESTABLISHMENT THAT DOES NOT HOLD A LICENSE UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND
5 THAT ALLOWS ON ITS PREMISES ANY FORM OF ATTIRE OR SEXUAL DISPLAY
6 LISTED UNDER § 10-405(C) THROUGH (F) OF THIS ARTICLE.

7 (3) “SETUPS” INCLUDES DRINKING CONTAINERS AND ICE.

8 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

9 (C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT SERVE OR DISPENSE SETUPS OR SERVE,
10 DISPENSE, KEEP, OR ALLOW TO BE CONSUMED ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR
11 OTHER COMPONENT PARTS OF MIXED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS IN A PLACE OF
12 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT.

13 (2) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT FOR
14 PROFIT THAT IS NOT LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY
15 ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO BRING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION
16 INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT.

17 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A
18 MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT
19 EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000 OR BOTH.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2007.