

# HOUSE BILL 297

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages Licensees – Age of Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an alcoholic beverages licensee in Harford County  
4 from employing a person under a certain age to act as a bartender or to serve  
5 alcoholic beverages at a permanent full-service bar; providing a certain  
6 exception to the prohibition; authorizing a licensee to employ a person of a  
7 certain age to serve alcoholic beverages while acting as a waiter or waitress;  
8 authorizing a licensee to employ a person of a certain age to act as a bartender's  
9 assistant who may perform certain tasks; making certain stylistic changes; and  
10 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licensees in Harford County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 12-213(e)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 12-213.

2 (e) (1) [In] **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN** Harford County [a  
3 licensee under this article may not:].

4 [(1)] (2) **AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE MAY NOT:**

5 (I) Employ any person under **THE AGE OF** 18 years [of age] for  
6 the purposes of selling or serving alcoholic beverages; [or]

7 [(2)] (II) Permit any person under **THE AGE OF** 18 years [of age] to  
8 sell or serve alcoholic beverages; **OR**

9 (III) ~~EMPLOY EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF~~  
10 **THIS SUBSECTION, EMPLOY A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS TO ACT AS**  
11 **A BARTENDER OR TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A PERMANENT**  
12 **FULL-SERVICE BAR.**

13 (3) **A PERSON AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD MAY ACT AS A BARTENDER**  
14 **OR SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A PERMANENT FULL-SERVICE BAR IF THE**  
15 **PERSON IS THE SON OR DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.**

16 ~~(3)~~ (4) **AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE MAY EMPLOY:**

17 (I) **A PERSON AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO SERVE**  
18 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE ACTING AS A WAITER OR WAITRESS; OR**

19 (II) **A PERSON AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD TO ACT AS A**  
20 **BARTENDER'S ASSISTANT WHO:**

21 1. **MAY REPLACE ICE, REMOVE TRASH, OR PERFORM**  
22 **SIMILAR TASKS THAT DO NOT INVOLVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; BUT**

23 2. **MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE**  
24 **OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

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