

CHAPTER 314

(Senate Bill 189)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages Licensees – Age of Employees

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

12-213.

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(2)~~ (4) AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE MAY EMPLOY:

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.