

# CHAPTER 589

## (House Bill 68)

AN ACT concerning

### ~~Wicomico County~~ Alcoholic Beverages – Places of Public Entertainment and Unlicensed Establishments

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County from serving or dispensing certain items or serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed alcoholic beverages or other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks in certain places of public entertainment; prohibiting a person who operates a certain business establishment for profit in ~~Wicomico County~~ certain counties from knowingly allowing customers to bring alcoholic beverages for consumption into the establishment; defining certain terms; establishing ~~a certain penalty~~ certain penalties; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in places of public entertainment and unlicensed establishments in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico County, and Worcester County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 20-103.1, 20-107.1, 20-108.2, 20-110, 20-111, 20-112, and 20-113  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 20-105.1  
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

#### 20-103.1.

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

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

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

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CAROLINE COUNTY.

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

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

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

20-105.1.

(a) (1) In this [section,] SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) [“bottle] “BOTTLE club” means a club, room, or premises:

[(1)] (I) That serves, sells, gives, or dispenses alcoholic beverages to its members or guests;

[(2)] (II) That keeps for its members or guests any alcoholic beverages;

**[(3)] (III) That allows to be consumed by its members or guests on its premises any alcoholic beverages that have been reserved or purchased by the members or guests;**

**[(4)] (IV) At which patrons are served, given, or allowed to consume alcoholic beverages after legal closing hours from the supplies that the patrons have previously purchased or reserved; or**

**[(5)] (V) That sells, dispenses, or serves to, keeps for, or allows to be consumed any setups or other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks by its members or guests.**

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

**(4) "SETUPS" INCLUDES DRINKING CONTAINERS AND ICE.**

**(b) This section applies only in Dorchester County.**

**(c) A bottle club may not evade the alcoholic beverage license laws, including those laws relating to hours of operation and the sale, giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, and allowing to be consumed on the premises of the club or on premises under its control or in its possession any alcoholic beverage, setups, or other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks.**

**(d) (1) A person who operates a business establishment for profit that is not licensed under this article may not knowingly allow customers to bring alcoholic beverages for consumption into an unlicensed building.**

**(2) A PERSON MAY NOT SERVE OR DISPENSE SETUPS OR SERVE, DISPENSE, KEEP, OR ALLOW TO BE CONSUMED ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR OTHER COMPONENT PARTS OF MIXED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS IN A PLACE OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT.**

**(e) On the filing of an application for a waiver of this section, the Board of License Commissioners may grant the waiver.**

**(f) The Board of License Commissioners shall adopt regulations to implement this section.**

(g) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to **IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR** a fine not exceeding \$10,000 **OR BOTH.**

**20-107.1.**

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

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

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

(B) **THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN KENT COUNTY.**

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

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

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

**20-108.2.**

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

(2) **“PLACE OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT” MEANS A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT THAT DOES NOT HOLD A LICENSE UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND**

**THAT ALLOWS ON ITS PREMISES ANY FORM OF ATTIRE OR SEXUAL DISPLAY LISTED UNDER § 10-405(C) THROUGH (F) OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(3) "SETUPS" INCLUDES DRINKING CONTAINERS AND ICE.**

**(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.**

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

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

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

## **20-110.**

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

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

**(3) "SETUPS" INCLUDES DRINKING CONTAINERS AND ICE.**

**(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN SOMERSET COUNTY.**

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

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

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

**20-111.**

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

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

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

**(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN TALBOT COUNTY.**

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

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

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

**20-110. 20-112.**

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

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

(3) "SETUPS" INCLUDES DRINKING CONTAINERS AND ICE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

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

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

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

**20-113.**

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

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

(3) "SETUPS" INCLUDES DRINKING CONTAINERS AND ICE.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.**