

## **CHAPTER 14**

**(Senate Bill 25)**

AN ACT concerning

### **City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages – Administrative Proceedings and Fines**

FOR the purpose of adding the City of Annapolis to the list of jurisdictions in which the granting of probation before judgment to an alcoholic beverages licensee for selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to an underaged individual does not bar the Board of License Commissioners from proceeding administratively against the licensee for the violation; altering a certain fine that the City of Annapolis may impose for a certain alcoholic beverages violation; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in the City of Annapolis.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 12–108(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 12–108(f) and 16–507(c)(2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

#### **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

12–108.

(a) (1) A licensee licensed under this article, or any employee of the licensee, may not sell or furnish any alcoholic beverages at any time:

(i) To a person under 21 years of age for the underage person's own use or for the use of any other person; or

(ii) To any person who, at the time of the sale, or delivery, is visibly under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.

(2) Any licensee or any employee of the licensee who is charged with a violation of this subsection shall receive a summons to appear in court on a certain day to answer the charges placed against that person. The person charged may not be required to post bail bond pending trial in any court of this State.

(3) (i) A licensee or employee of the licensee violating any of the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, suffers the penalties provided by § 16-503 of this article.

(ii) A licensee or employee of the licensee who is charged with selling or furnishing any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age may not be found guilty of a violation of this subsection, if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the jury or the court sitting as a jury that the person used due caution to establish that the person under 21 years of age was not, in fact, a person under 21 years of age if a nonresident of the State.

(iii) The licensee or employee of the licensee may accept, as proof of a person's age:

1. If the person is a resident of the State, the person's driver's license or identification card as provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law; or

2. A United States military identification card.

(iv) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if any licensee or employee of the licensee is found not guilty, or placed on probation without a verdict, of any alleged violation of this subsection, this finding operates as a complete bar to any proceeding by any alcoholic beverage law enforcement or licensing authorities against the licensee on account of the alleged violation.

(f) (1) This subsection applies in the following jurisdictions:

**(I) CITY OF ANNAPOLIS;**

[(i)] **(II)** Cecil County;

[(ii)] **(III)** Dorchester County;

[(iii)] **(IV)** Garrett County;

[(iv)] **(V)** Howard County;

[(v)] **(VI)** Kent County;

[(vi)] **(VII)** Montgomery County;

[(vii)] **(VIII)** St. Mary's County;

[(viii)] **(IX)** Washington County; and

[(ix)] **(X)** Wicomico County.

(2) The granting of probation before judgment to a licensee or employee of the licensee for violating subsection (a) of this section does not bar the Board of License Commissioners from proceeding administratively against the licensee for the violation.

16-507.

(c) (2) In the City of Annapolis, the Board of License Commissioners may impose a fine of not more than ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,000** in lieu of suspension of a license for any violation that is cause for suspension under the alcoholic beverage laws of the city.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.**