

# HOUSE BILL 645

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By: **Delegates Carter, Oaks, and Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Prohibition Against Underage**  
3 **Individuals in Liquor Stores**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Baltimore City holders of certain alcoholic  
5 beverages licenses or employees of the holders from allowing an individual  
6 under a certain age to enter the licensed premises; providing a certain  
7 exception; establishing certain penalties; providing that a certain individual be  
8 issued a citation under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Liquor  
9 License Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to  
10 underage individuals on premises licensed for alcoholic beverages in Baltimore  
11 City.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 9–204.4  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 **9–204.4.**

21 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

22 **(B) A LICENSEE WHO HOLDS A CLASS A BEER AND LIGHT WINE**  
23 **LICENSE, CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE, OR CLASS A–2 BEER,**  
24 **WINE AND LIQUOR OFF–SALE PACKAGE GOODS LICENSE OR AN EMPLOYEE OF**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE LICENSEE MAY NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS  
2 TO ENTER THE LICENSED PREMISES UNLESS THE INDIVIDUAL IS AN EMPLOYEE  
3 OF THE LICENSEE OR ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

4 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

5 (1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 OR  
6 LICENSE SUSPENSION OR BOTH; AND

7 (2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A FINE NOT  
8 EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR LICENSE SUSPENSION OR BOTH.

9 (D) AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS WHO IS NOT AN  
10 EMPLOYEE OF THE LICENSEE WHO REMAINS IN THE LICENSED PREMISES AFTER  
11 BEING REQUESTED TO LEAVE SHALL BE ISSUED A CITATION AND BE SUBJECT TO  
12 § 10–119 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

13 (E) THE BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT  
14 REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 2010.