

Chapter 392

(House Bill 868)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Penalties for Sales to Underage Persons

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum fine that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a person under a certain age; and generally relating to penalties for sales of alcoholic beverages to persons under a certain age in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 12–108(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 16–507(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 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.

16–507.

(d) **(1)** For any violation that is cause for suspension under the alcoholic beverage laws affecting Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may:

[(1)] (I) [For] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR a first offense, impose a fine of not more than \$500 or suspend the license or both; or

[(2)] (II) For any subsequent offense, impose a fine of not more than \$3,000 or suspend the license or both.

(2) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO A PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.