Chapter 1038

(House Bill 1330)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Underage Employees

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum age of an individual that may be employed by a license holder in Allegany County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 9–102 and 9–1901 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 9–1902 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

9–102.

This title applies only in Allegany County.

9–1901.

(a) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 5 ("Conduct of Local License Holders") of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 4–502 ("Storage of alcoholic beverages");
- (2) § 4–503 ("Solicitations and sales outside of licensed premises");
- (3) § 4–505 ("Alcohol awareness program");
- (4) § 4–506 ("Evidence of purchaser's age");
- (5) § 4–507 ("Retail delivery of alcoholic beverages"); and

(6) § 4–508 ("Display of license").

(b) Section 4-504 ("Employment of underage individuals") of Division I of this article applies in the county, subject to § 9-1902 of this subtitle.

9-1902.

(a) A license holder may employ an individual between the ages of **[18] 16** and **2**1 years.

(b) To be allowed to sell or serve beer, light wine, and liquor, an individual shall be at least 18 years old.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.