

## Chapter 787

**(House Bill 486)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Civil Penalty for Sales Violations**

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum civil penalty that the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County may impose for a violation of a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 28–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 28–2802  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

28–102.

This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

28–2802.

(a) (1) A person who violates a law relating to hours or days for the sale of alcoholic beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment or a fine not exceeding \$250 or both.

(2) If the Board finds that a person has violated a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages, the Board may:

- (i) revoke or suspend the person's license;
- (ii) impose a civil penalty not exceeding **[\$1,000] \$2,500**; or

(iii) both revoke or suspend the person's license and impose a civil penalty not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,500**.

(b) If an employee of a license holder sells alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years the Board may impose a fine on the employee not exceeding \$500 per offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.**