

# HOUSE BILL 486

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
9 Section 28–102  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2024 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
14 Section 28–2802  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

20 28–102.

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

22 28–2802.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

6 (i) revoke or suspend the person's license;

7 (ii) impose a civil penalty not exceeding ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$2,500**; or

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

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

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2025.