

parts of laws in the State of Maryland, whether public general or public local, enacted prior to January 1, 1947 and inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", and all amendments thereof and additions thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that a new Article, to be known as Article 2B, title "Alcoholic Beverages", be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2B

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this Article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, cordial, beer, ale, porter, stout, wine, cider and any other spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquor, liquid, or compound, by whatever name called, containing one-half of one per centum or more of alcohol by volume, which is fit for beverage purposes.

(b) "Beer" means any brewed alcoholic beverage, and includes beer, ale, porter and stout.

(c) "Light wine" means any naturally fermented wine containing not in excess of fourteen per cent. (14%) of alcohol by volume.

(d) "Wine" means any fermented beverage, including light wines, and wines the alcoholic content of which has been fortified by the addition of alcohol, spirits or other ingredients.

(e) The words "sparkling wine" shall mean champagne or any artificially carbonated wine.

(f) "Person" means a natural person, an association, a partnership or a corporation.

(g) "Manufacturer" means a person operating a plant within this State for distilling, rectifying, blending, brewing, fermenting or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(h) "Wholesaler" means a person who purchases or imports any alcoholic beverage for sale to wholesale or retail dealers only, and includes a County Liquor Control Board, and a County Wholesale Dispensary.