

(D) The State Board shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

CHAPTER 369

(Senate Bill 118)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Manufacturer and Distributor Agreements – Obligation of Successor Manufacturer

FOR the purpose of requiring a successor beer manufacturer who ~~violates~~ terminates a certain agreement with a beer distributor to remunerate the beer distributor a sum equal to the fair market value calculated from the date of the ~~violation~~ termination for the sale of the beer; ~~specifying that a beer distributor or franchisee may bring a certain action against a successor beer manufacturer under certain circumstances to obtain certain remedies;~~ requiring a successor beer manufacturer to give certain notice to a surviving beer distributor before termination of certain agreements; requiring certain negotiations, certain payments, and certain mediation under certain circumstances; requiring a surviving beer distributor to bring a certain action within a certain period of time against a successor beer manufacturer to determine and recover certain value; requiring certain surviving beer distributors and successor beer manufacturers to support and distribute certain brands under certain circumstances; repealing a defined term; defining a certain term; and generally relating to beer manufacturer and distributor agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 21-103
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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