

Maryland Rum Rules Will Bar Sales to Minors

Miss Engle Wins Battle in Sunday Session of Assembly.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 3.—Sale of liquor to minors will be illegal in Maryland, due to a fight in the State Legislature today led by Miss Lavinia Engle, Montgomery County delegate.

Meeting on Sunday for the first time in many years, the House considered more than 200 amendments to the administration-sponsored alcohol-control plan in an effort to permit whisky sales with the end of National prohibition this week. The measure was approved yesterday by the Senate.

Among 160 amendments favorably reported by the ways and means committee was a proposal to permit purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 possessing consent of their parents or guardian.

Amendment Pledged.

"By allowing the sale of liquor to minors," Miss Engle objected, "I think the House will be taking us back to a condition that did not even prevail before prohibition."

Delegate James J. Lindsay, jr., Baltimore County, defended the amendment. He explained its primary purpose was to permit drinking of beer and wine by minors when they accompany their parents to hotels, restaurants or beer gardens, "to eat, drink and hear the music."

Miss Engle said she would have no objection to sale of beer and light wines to minors when with their elders. Upon the woman delegate's insistence, Baltimore legislators agreed to draft and introduce an amendment to comply with her wishes.

The House approved an amendment authorizing establishment of dispensaries for the sale of liquor, wine and beer in three Montgomery County towns, Rockville, Bethesda and Silver Spring.

"Taverns" for Beaches.

"Taverns," to all intents and purposes open saloons, were voted for North Beach and Chesapeake Beach in Calvert County, popular watering spots frequented by Washington and Baltimore throngs. Sale of whisky and wine by the drink without mandatory purchase of food will be permitted in such establishments.

Other amendments adopted called for sale to Cecil County hotel guests of a maximum, a quart of liquor a day; authorized whisky dispensaries for Wicomico and Worcester Counties, prohibit sale of whisky, wine and beer by drug stores for consumption on the premises and authorized any person to bring into Maryland from other States a maximum of a quart of liquor a day.

After spending several hours considering amendments, the House adjourned at 7:15 p. m., until 11 a. m. tomorrow.