

CHAPTER 116
(House Bill 912)

AN ACT to repeal Section 38(c) of Article 2-B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages," said section being headed "Prince George's County," subsection (c) being headed "Riverdale," ~~to remove~~ REMOVING the restriction ~~for~~ AGAINST the sale SELLING AT ANY PLACE, or giving away ~~of~~ AT ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS any alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises, except beer and wine, ~~in~~ WITHIN the corporate limits of the Town of Riverdale, , SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM IN THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE, DECLARING THIS ACT TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND SEVERABLE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 38(c) of Article 2-B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages," said section being headed "Prince George's County," subsection (c) being headed "Riverdale," ~~being~~ BE AND the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* ~~That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.~~ THAT BEFORE THIS ACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE, IT SHALL FIRST BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM OF THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE AT THE TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN MAY, 1966. THERE SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOTS OR BALLOT LABELS TO BE USED AT SAID ELECTION, THE TITLE OF THIS ACT AND UNDERNEATH SAID TITLE, ON SEPARATE LINES, A SQUARE OR BOX TO THE RIGHT OF AND OPPOSITE THE WORDS: "FOR REPEAL OF PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE" AND A CORRESPONDING BOX OR SQUARE TO THE RIGHT OF AND OPPOSITE THE WORDS "AGAINST REPEAL OF PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE," SO THAT THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN SHALL BE ABLE TO DESIGNATE HIS OR HER DECISION FOR OR AGAINST THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE QUESTION IN SAID ELECTION SHALL BE "FOR REPEAL OF PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE" THEN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE, BUT IF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST ON THE QUESTION IN SAID ELECTION SHALL BE "AGAINST REPEAL OF PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE," THEN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BECOME OF NO EFFECT AND SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY WORD, PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE OR OTHER PART OR PARTS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, SUCH UNCONSTITUTIONALITY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINING PARTS OF THIS ACT.