

*alcoholic beverages at any time to a minor under twenty-one years of age, either for his own use or for the use of any other person, or to any person who at the time of such sale, or delivery, is visibly under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Any licensee or employee of a licensee who is to be charged with a violation of this offense may be proceeded against in Worcester County either upon a Warrant duly issued by a Trial Magistrate for Worcester County or by an Indictment duly returned by the Grand Jury of said County. Any person violating any of the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon the conviction thereof, shall suffer the penalties provided by Section 200 of this Article. However, any person charged with selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to a minor under twenty-one years of age shall not be found guilty of a violation of this subsection if such person establishes to the satisfaction of the Jury or Court sitting as a Jury that he used due caution to establish that such minor under twenty-one years of age was not, in fact, a minor under twenty-one years of age. If any licensee shall be found not guilty, or placed on probation without a verdict, of any alleged violation of this subsection, such finding shall operate as a complete bar to any proceeding by any alcoholic beverage law enforcement or licensing authorities on account of such violation. This subsection shall apply solely to Worcester County and shall stand in place and stead of subsection 118(a) of this article as said subsection applies generally to the counties of this State.*

**SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

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CHAPTER 228

(House Bill 358)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 152(h), 164(b), and 164(e) of Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Sales and Notices," subtitles "Retail Installment Sales" and "Finance Companies," to include within the definition of "sales finance company" a person engaged in the business of acquiring, investing in, or lending money or credit on the security of any interest in a retail credit account transaction and/or any interest in a home improvement transaction where collateral security is required by and given to the contractor thereunder and to provide for an increase in the cash price of "goods" to be under the domain of the "Finance Companies" subtitle.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 152(h), 164(b), and 164(e) of Article 83 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Sales and Notices," subtitles "Retail Installment Sales" and "Finance Companies," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: