

title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Restrictions Upon Licensees," to limit amount of loans for which any alcoholic beverage business or property thereof is pledged as collateral when such loan is made to any holder of any alcoholic beverage license by any person, business or corporation dealing in any manner in vending machines, vending devices, pinball machines or music boxes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 129 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Restrictions Upon Licensees," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows :

129.

In Washington County no holder of any license authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail shall sell any alcoholic beverages except for cash unless such alcoholic beverages are delivered to the purchaser at a place designated by the purchaser other than the premises of the licensee and no manufacturer or wholesaler shall sell any beer to any retail dealer except for cash on delivery. Cash deposits for returnable containers shall be required at the time of delivery or sale. For the purposes of this section, in addition to currency, checks accepted for payment which are not postdated and are promptly deposited for collection by the licensee shall also be deemed to be cash. No suit or action ex contractu to enforce or collect any claim for credit extended, or to enforce payment of any check given for payment for alcoholic beverages in violation of this section, shall be maintained in this State. Any check given in payment for alcoholic beverages to any licensee coming under the terms of this section, which shall be returned uncollected, shall be deemed prima facie evidence in any civil case of a violation of this section.

This section shall not apply to any "hotel," as that term is defined by Section 2(o) of this article, which is the holder of a Class B beer, wine and liquor license; nor shall it apply to any "club" as defined by Section 2(n) of this article which is the holder of a Class C beer, wine and liquor license.

*No holder of any license authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail shall pledge any business or business property, real or personal, which pertains to or is related to the business so licensed as collateral for any loan or loans exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the aggregate, to which any person or persons, business or corporation dealing in, manufacturing or distributing vending machines, vending devices, pin-ball machines or music boxes is a party.*

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or to imprisonment for not more than six months in the House of Correction or jail, or both fined and imprisoned.

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

Approved April 10, 1968.