

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 24, 1973.

CHAPTER 831
(House Bill 1030)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 3(a)(1) and 182(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitles "Prohibition - Without License or Permit - Exception," and "Consumers," to allow persons eighteen (18) years of age and older to buy, possess, store, import, transport and consume beer in St. Mary's County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 3(a)(1) and 182(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitles "Prohibition - Without License or Permit - Exception," and "Consumers," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(a)(1) No alcoholic beverages shall be bought, possessed, stored, imported, transported, kept or suffered to be bought, possessed, stored, imported, transported or kept in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft or on any premises or under his charge or control by any person except:

(i) By a consumer or,

(ii) By a licensee as provided in this article or,

(iii) By a minor under twenty-one years of age who may have in his possession or transport alcoholic beverages for any lawful purpose with the knowledge and consent of his parent or guardian or incident to the lawful employment of such minor as provided for in this article, provided however that this exception shall not be construed to permit a minor to buy or consume alcoholic beverages, nor to possess, store, import, transport or keep alcoholic beverages for his own use, nor to buy, possess, store, import, transport or keep alcoholic beverages for any purpose in any county or Baltimore City where otherwise prohibited by this article or any other law of this State. **PERSONS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHALL BE ALLOWED ALL THE RIGHTS OF A CONSUMER IN THIS ARTICLE IN REGARD TO BEER.**

182.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any minor in St. Mary's County to attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages or to drink, or have in his possession, any alcoholic beverages in any public place or on any public highway. The word "minor" shall apply to every person under twenty-one (21) years of age, except bona fide employees in their course of employment and whose employment is not prohibited by this article [.] , **AND ALL PERSONS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SHALL BE ALLOWED ALL THE RIGHTS OF A CONSUMER**