

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20(m-1-b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

20.

(M-1-B)(1) IN WORCESTER COUNTY "BOTTLE CLUB" MEANS ANY CLUB OR ORGANIZATION:

(I) WHICH SERVES, SELLS, GIVES, OR DISPENSES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS;

(II) WHICH KEEPS FOR ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;

(III) WHICH ALLOWS TO BE CONSUMED ON ITS PREMISES ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BY ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS, WHICH BEVERAGES HAVE BEEN RESERVED BY OR PURCHASED FROM THE CLUB BY THE MEMBERS OR GUESTS;

(IV) AT WHICH PATRONS ARE SERVED, GIVEN, OR ALLOWED TO CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AFTER LEGAL CLOSING HOURS FROM THE SUPPLIES THAT THE PATRONS HAVE PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED OR RESERVED; OR

(V) THAT SELLS, DISPENSES, SERVES, KEEPS, OR ALLOWS TO BE CONSUMED ANY SETUPS OR OTHER COMPONENT PARTS OF MIXED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS TO ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS.

(2) IN WORCESTER COUNTY IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION TO MAINTAIN, OR OPERATE A "BOTTLE CLUB." HOWEVER, ANY CLUB OR ORGANIZATION WHICH QUALIFIES FOR AND IS GRANTED A CLASS C LICENSE AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 20 (M-1) MAY OPERATE ALSO AS A "BOTTLE CLUB" UNDER THIS LICENSE IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

(3) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO ANY "BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE" SOCIAL FUNCTION AT WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE FURNISHED ONLY BY THE GUESTS OR PARTICIPANTS. IF SUCH A SOCIAL FUNCTION IS HELD IN A FACILITY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, THE FUNCTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF OPERATION PERMITTED FOR A CLASS C LICENSE ESTABLISHMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.