

FURNISHED. If, in either case, the person is a resident of the State of Maryland, the licensee may accept, as proof of a person's age, the display of the person's age of majority identification card as provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law. If any person [shall be] IS found not guilty, or placed on probation without a verdict, of any alleged violation of this subsection, this finding operates as a complete bar to any proceeding by any alcoholic beverage law-enforcement or licensing authorities on account of the alleged violation, provided that the person inducing the sale in question has been found guilty by a court under one of the sections of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland numbered 400 to 403, both inclusive.

(a-1) (1) A licensee under the provisions of this article, or any of his employees, in Worcester County, may not sell or furnish any alcoholic beverages other than beer or light wine of 14 percent alcohol by volume at any time to a person under 21 years of age, or beer and light wine to any person [under 18 years of age] NOT DESIGNATED UNDER § 2(T)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE, either for his own use or for the use of any other person, or to any person who at the time of the sale, or delivery, is visibly under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

(2) Any licensee or employee of a licensee who is charged with a violation of this offense may be proceeded against in Worcester County either upon a charging document duly issued by the District Court for Worcester County or by an indictment duly returned by the grand jury of that county. Any person violating any of the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall suffer the penalties provided by § 200 of this article. However, any person charged with selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to an underaged person may not be found guilty of a violation of this subsection if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the jury or court sitting as a jury that he used due caution to establish that the person was not, in fact underaged. This subsection applies solely to Worcester County and stands in place and stead of subsection 118(a) of this article as the subsection applies generally to the counties of this State.

(b) Provided, however, that in Somerset, Talbot, and Wicomico counties, [no] A licensee under the provisions of this article, or any of his employees, [shall] MAY NOT sell or furnish any alcoholic beverages other than beer and light wine at any time to a [minor] PERSON under 21 years of age, or beer and light wine to any person [under 18] NOT DESIGNATED UNDER § 2(T)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE, 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 any alcoholic beverage. It is hereby expressed to be the legislative intent that the provisions of subsection (a) of this section [shall] DO not apply to