

CHAPTER 354

(Senate Bill 715)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages

FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Harford County, if the premises constitute certain entities, certain persons and organizations from consuming, possessing, or transferring alcoholic beverages, with certain exceptions; permitting certain exemptions; and specifying penalties.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 86(j)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

86.

(j) (1) In Harford County, IF THE PREMISES CONSTITUTE A RESTAURANT, TAVERN, HOTEL, CLUB, DANCE STUDIO, DISCO, OR PLACE OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT, a person, club, organization, or place of public entertainment may not knowingly [permit] ALLOW the consumption, possession, or transfer of alcoholic beverages EXCEPT in a manner [prohibited] SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED OR PROVIDED FOR by this article if:

(i) The person, club, organization, or place of public entertainment is in POSSESSION OR control of the place as owner, lessee, or user;

(ii) The place is open to the general public or [is subject to licensing] IN ANY WAY LICENSED by the State of Maryland or by Harford County; and

(iii) The place is not the room of a registered guest in a hotel, motel, or hospice or the property of a VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, BONA FIDE CATERING ESTABLISHMENT, COMMUNITY OR CIVIC ASSOCIATION, SWIM CLUB, OR BONA FIDE social, civic, nonprofit, charitable, FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, EDUCATIONAL, or public service organization, OR BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION IN EXISTENCE FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 YEARS.