

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 403A and 403B  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted House Bill 85 in 1982;

WHEREAS, House Bill 85 made certain alcoholic beverages offenses civil offenses rather than criminal offenses;

WHEREAS, It is necessary to clarify certain procedures required for the implementation of House Bill 85; now, therefore,

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

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403A.

(a) Any person under the age of 18 years who violates the provisions of this subheading shall be issued a citation by a police officer authorized to make arrests and shall be subject to the procedures and dispositions provided in Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

(b) Any person 18 years old or older who violates the provisions of this subheading shall be issued a citation and be subject to the provisions of § 403B of this subheading.

(C) IN ADDITION TO POLICE OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARRESTS, FOREST AND PARK WARDENS UNDER § 5-206(A) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE MAY ISSUE CITATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION, IN STATE FORESTRY PRESERVATIONS, STATE PARKS, HISTORIC MONUMENTS, AND RECREATION AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THIS SUBTITLE.

403B.

(a) For purposes of this section, a violation of the provisions of this subheading is deemed a Code violation and is a civil offense.

(b) A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a citation to a person if the officer has probable cause to believe that a person is committing or has committed a Code violation.

(c) (1) A citation issued under this section shall be signed by the issuing officer and shall contain: