

CHAPTER 671

(House Bill 1007)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Consumption

FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Worcester County alcoholic beverages from knowingly being consumed, possessed, or transferred on the premises of certain businesses, clubs, organizations, or persons that are operated in a certain manner, and are not licensed under the alcoholic beverages laws; providing exceptions; ~~authorizing the Worcester County board of license commissioners to make exemptions from this Act on a case-by-case basis~~; authorizing the Board to adopt rules for the administration of this Act; providing a penalty for violating this Act; and generally relating to the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 86(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 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.

(K) (1) IN WORCESTER 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 ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION, OR TRANSFER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES EXCEPT IN A MANNER 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; AND

(II) THE PLACE IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR IN ANY WAY LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND OR BY WORCESTER COUNTY; AND

~~(III) THE PLACE IS NOT THE ROOM OF A REGISTERED GUEST IN A HOTEL, MOTEL, OR HOUSING OR THE PROPERTY OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, BONA FIDE CATERING ESTABLISHMENT, COMMUNITY OR CIVIC ASSOCIATION, SWIM CLUB, OR BONA FIDE SOCIAL~~