

[(a-1) In this section, with respect to Carroll and Harford Counties, the term "unless authorized" means the possession and presentation of a written consent by the owner of the property.]

(b) A person may not possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this article, while:

(1) On the mall, adjacent parking area, or other outside area of any combination of privately owned retail establishments, commonly known as a shopping center, to which the general public is invited for business purposes, unless authorized by the owner of the establishment;

(2) On an adjacent parking area or other outside area of any other retail establishment, unless authorized by the owner of the establishment; or

(3) In any parked vehicle located on any of the places enumerated in this section, unless authorized.

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Any person who violates the provisions of this subheading is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

These 3 sections are reorganized for clarity, organization, and to correct redundancy.

[219.

In this article, references to "this article" shall be deemed to include provisions in the Tax - General Article derived from this article.]

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

The definition in this section has been included in the defined terms in § 2 of this article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 26A - Criminal Injuries Compensation Act

17A.

(a) (6) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the [Division of] OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE Audits as provided for in § 2-1215 of the State Government Article.

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

297D.

(b) (7) The Fund shall be subject to an audit by the [Division of] OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE Audits as provided for in § 2-1215 of the State Government Article.