

CHAPTER 235

(House Bill 185)

AN ACT concerning

**Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages
(BYOB Establishments)**

FOR the purpose of repealing in Worcester County the prohibition in certain establishments of the consumption, possession, or transfer of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain establishments, with exceptions; and generally relating to the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 11-304(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

11-304.

(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.]

(1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

(2) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THIS ARTICLE AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT CONSUME ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ANY TIME ON ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, INCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PREMISES:

(I) RESTAURANT;

(II) TAVERN;

(III) HOTEL;