

**Article – Family Law**

4-501.

(b) (1) "Abuse" means any of the following acts:

- (i) an act that causes serious bodily harm;
- (ii) an act that places a person eligible for relief in fear of imminent serious bodily harm;
- (iii) [battery or assault and battery] ASSAULT IN ANY DEGREE;
- (iv) rape or sexual offense as defined by Article 27, §§ 462 through 464C or attempted rape or sexual offense IN ANY DEGREE; or
- (v) false imprisonment.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Committee Notes and catchlines contained in this Act are not law.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall only apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act and may not be construed to apply in any way to offenses committed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 23, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 633**

**(House Bill 771)**

AN ACT concerning

**Kent County and Queen Anne's County – Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(Pub-Brewery in Kent County and Queen Anne's County)**

FOR the purpose of including Kent County and Queen Anne's County among those jurisdictions in which a pub-brewery alcoholic beverages license may be issued; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Kent County and Queen Anne's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 2-207  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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