

municipal corporation; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the authority of municipal corporations to regulate the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 19-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19-104.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC PLACE" MEANS A PARKING LOT, COMMON AREA, OR GENERAL COMMON ELEMENT IN:

(1) A LEASED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ATTACHED SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES OR A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNIT;

(2) A CONDOMINIUM; OR

(3) A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

(B) IN ADDITION TO OTHER POWERS GRANTED UNDER THIS TITLE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TO REGULATE THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 412**

**(House Bill 332)**

AN ACT concerning

**Insurance - Transfer of Business**

FOR the purpose of allowing an insurer that accepts a transfer of the insurance business of a group of policyholders from an independent agent to treat the policies transferred as renewals and not as new policies for underwriting purposes.