

(2) § 12-108(c) of this article (Transfer between relatives);

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

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 616

(House Bill 278)

AN ACT concerning .

Alcoholic Beverages - Interstate Shipment - Felony

FOR the purpose of making it a felony ~~for certain persons in or from another state~~ to ship alcoholic beverages to certain persons in the State who do not have a certain license or permit; clarifying that this offense includes certain shipments of alcoholic beverages ordered or purchased through a computer network; providing certain penalties; and generally relating to the interstate sale of alcoholic beverages.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 16-506.1

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

16-506.1.

(A) (1) A PERSON IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN OR FROM ANOTHER STATE MAY NOT SHIP, CAUSE TO BE SHIPPED, OR DELIVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DIRECTLY TO A RECIPIENT ~~WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS~~ IN THIS STATE IF THE SELLER, DISTRIBUTOR, SHIPPER, TRANSPORTER, OR RECIPIENT DOES NOT HOLD THE REQUISITE LICENSE OR PERMIT UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE PROHIBITION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE ORDERED OR PURCHASED THROUGH A COMPUTER NETWORK.

(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 2 YEARS OR BOTH.