

Section 20-108

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

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(a) (1) In this section, "bottle club" means an establishment that gives, serves, dispenses, keeps, or allows alcoholic beverages to be consumed by patrons after legal closing hours for establishments licensed under § 11-303 of this article from supplies that the patrons previously purchased or reserved.

(2) "Bottle club" does not include an establishment that is licensed under the provisions of this article.

(b) This section applies only in St. Mary's County.

(c) A bottle club may not give, serve, dispense, keep, or allow to be consumed on its premises, or on premises under its control or possession, any alcoholic beverages, setups, or other component parts or mixed alcoholic drinks after legal closing hours or before legal opening hours for establishments licensed under § 11-303 of this article.

(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.]

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(A) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY FOR ANY "BOTTLE CLUB", AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, OR OTHER PUBLIC CLUB, ROOM, OR PREMISES WHICH IS TO BE USED OR IS USED AS A "BOTTLE CLUB" TO EVADE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE LAWS, INCLUDING THOSE LAWS RELATING TO HOURS OF OPERATION AND THE SALE, GIVING, SERVING, DISPENSING, KEEPING, AND ALLOWING TO BE CONSUMED ON THE CLUB'S PREMISES OR ON PREMISES UNDER ITS CONTROL OR IN ITS POSSESSION ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, SETUPS, OR OTHER COMPONENT PARTS OF MIXED ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "BOTTLE CLUB" MEANS ANY CLUB:

(1) THAT SERVES, SELLS, GIVES, OR DISPENSES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS;

(2) THAT KEEPS FOR ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;

(3) ALLOWS TO BE CONSUMED BY ITS MEMBERS OR GUESTS ON ITS PREMISES ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT HAVE BEEN RESERVED OR PURCHASED BY THE MEMBERS OR GUESTS;