

[(d) A person who violates subsection (c) of this section is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$50.]

(D) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES UNDER § 27-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS NOT CONSIDERED A MOVING VIOLATION FOR PURPOSES OF § 16-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

27-101.

(a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

(1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any other law of this State; or

(2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 532**

**(Senate Bill 465)**

AN ACT concerning

**Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Open Container Law**

FOR the purpose of adding Caroline County to the list of counties in which a person may not possess in an open container any alcoholic beverage while in shopping centers or certain other areas; and generally relating to the prohibition against possessing alcoholic beverages in open containers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 19-301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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