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**CHAPTER 613**  
**(House Bill 513)**

AN ACT concerning

**Alcoholic Beverages - Brewed Products - Advertising Signs**

FOR the purpose of increasing the value of a certain sign that a brewer, nonresident dealer, or beer wholesaler can provide to retail alcoholic beverages license holders; prohibiting a certain sign to exceed a certain value; and generally relating to advertising signs for brewed products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12-104(c)

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:

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

12-104.

(c) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only to brewed products.

(2) [A] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A brewer, nonresident dealer, or beer wholesaler may not furnish any sign over [ \$50 ] \$150 in value to the holder of any retail license issued under the provisions of this article where the sign advertises the beer or malt products of a particular brewer, nonresident dealer, or beer wholesaler.

(3) A SIGN THAT IS MANUFACTURED BY A BEER WHOLESALER AND FURNISHED TO THE HOLDER OF ANY RETAIL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE OVER \$50 IN VALUE TO THE HOLDER OF THE RETAIL LICENSE WHERE THE SIGN ADVERTISES THE BEER OR MALT PRODUCTS OF THE BEER WHOLESALER.

[(3)](4) The sign shall contain brand identifiable advertising matter that is prominent, permanent, and equal to the life and value of the utilitarian character of the advertising item.

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

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