CHAPTER 67

(House Bill 344)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – License Suspensions

FOR the purpose of establishing an exception for certain licensed premises to the requirement in Charles County that certain alcoholic beverages license suspensions may not be on certain days of the week; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
    Section 16–507(j)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

16–507.

(j)   (1)   Notwithstanding any provision of this Code to the contrary, in Charles County, the Board of License Commissioners may impose a fine not to exceed $1,000 or suspend an alcoholic beverage license, for any violation of the alcoholic beverage laws affecting Charles County. All moneys collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the general funds of the County.

(2)   (i)   In Charles County, if an alcoholic beverages licensee or an employee of an alcoholic beverages licensee sells alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, the Board of License Commissioners may:

1.   For the first offense, suspend the license for not more than 3 days or impose a fine not to exceed $500 or both; and

2.   For each subsequent offense, impose a penalty as determined by the Board of License Commissioners.

(ii)   In Charles County, if an employee of an alcoholic beverages licensee sells alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, the Board of License Commissioners may impose a fine on the employee not to exceed $50 per offense.

(3)   (i)   In this paragraph the term "economic impact" includes, but is not limited to, the ratio between total sales of alcoholic beverages as compared with the total sales of the establishment before and during a license suspension.