Section 12–108(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12-108(f)

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

12-108.

- (a) (1) A licensee licensed under this article, or any employee of the licensee, may not sell or furnish any alcoholic beverages at any time to a person under 21 years of age:
- (i) For the underage person's own use or for the use of any other person; or
- (ii) To any person who, at the time of the sale, or delivery, is visibly under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.
- (2) Any licensee or any employee of the licensee who is charged with a violation of this subsection shall receive a summons to appear in court on a certain day to answer the charges placed against that person. The person charged may not be required to post bail bond pending trial in any court of this State.
- (3) (i) A licensee or employee of the licensee violating any of the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, suffers the penalties provided by § 16–503 of this article.
- (ii) A licensee or employee of the licensee who is charged with selling or furnishing any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age may not be found guilty of a violation of this subsection, if the person establishes to the satisfaction of the jury or the court sitting as a jury that the person used due caution to establish that the person under 21 years of age was not, in fact, a person under 21 years of age if a nonresident of the State.
- (iii) The licensee or employee of the licensee may accept, as proof of a person's age: