

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Frederick County at the general election to be held in November of 1998. The cost of the special election, if any, shall be paid by the County governing body. The County governing body and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Frederick County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For the referred law" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on December 1, 1998, but if a majority of the votes cast on the question are "Against the referred law" the provisions of this Act are of no effect and null and void.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Act and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum required by Section 3, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 246**

**(House Bill 525)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Bottle Clubs**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting bottle clubs in St. Mary's County from conducting certain activities concerning alcoholic beverages and other beverages; defining a certain term; establishing a certain penalty for violating this Act; and generally relating to bottle clubs and alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 20-106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

20-106.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "BOTTLE CLUB" MEANS ~~A CLUB~~ 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.