

**(2) THE SURVIVING BEER DISTRIBUTOR SHALL CONTINUE TO  
DISTRIBUTE THE BRAND.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.

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**CHAPTER 370**

(House Bill 205)

AN ACT concerning

**Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Manufacturer and Distributor Agreements –  
Obligation of Successor Manufacturer**

FOR the purpose of requiring a successor beer manufacturer who ~~violates~~ terminates a certain agreement with a beer distributor to remunerate the beer distributor a sum equal to the fair market value calculated from the date of the ~~violation~~ termination for the sale of the beer; ~~specifying that a beer distributor or franchisee may bring a certain action against a successor beer manufacturer under certain circumstances to obtain certain remedies;~~ requiring a successor beer manufacturer to give certain notice to a surviving beer distributor before termination of certain agreements; requiring certain negotiations, certain payments, and certain mediation under certain circumstances; requiring a surviving beer distributor to bring a certain action within a certain period of time against a successor beer manufacturer to determine and recover certain value; requiring certain surviving beer distributors and successor beer manufacturers to support and distribute certain brands under certain circumstances; repealing a defined term; defining a certain term; and generally relating to beer manufacturer and distributor agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 21-103  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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