repealing certain-provisions requiring the issuance of a civil citation to a person who violates the prohibition against furnishing an alcoholic beverage for consumption to an underage individual; clarifying the elements of a certain alcoholic beverage violation; increasing the penalty for furnishing an alcoholic beverage for consumption to an individual under the age of 21 years under certain circumstances; and generally relating to penalties for furnishing an alcoholic beverage to an underage individual.

BY repealing and reenacting, with without amendments,

Article – Criminal Law
Section 10–117 and 10–119(a), (b), (f)(1), and (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law
Section 10-119(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2002 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article - Criminal Law

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- (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person-may-not KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY furnish an alcoholic beverage to an individual-life
- (1) the person furnishing the alcoholic beverage knows—that the individual is under the age of 21 years; and
- (2) the alcoholic-beverage is furnished for the purpose of consumption by the individual under the age of 21-years] UNDER THE AGE OF 21-YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSUMPTION BY THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21-YEARS.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an adult may not knowingly and willfully allow an individual under the age of 21 years actually to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a residence, or within the curtilage of a residence that the adult owns or leases and in which the adult resides.
- (c) (1) The prohibition set forth-in subsection (a) of this section-does not apply if the person furnishing the alcoholic beverage and the individual to whom the alcoholic beverage is furnished: