

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Allowance of Legal Adults on Premises of Restaurants**  
30 **Possessing Alcohol License**

40 FOR the purpose of reversing state law which prohibits legal adults, age 18 to 21,  
50 from loitering on the premises of restaurants possessing alcohol license after meal  
60 hours have expired; defining eligibility for entrance onto the premises of  
70 licensees; providing for the application of this act; and generally relating to  
80 the cause of expanded eligibility.

90 By amending  
100 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
110 Section 12-111(a)  
120 Annotated Code of Maryland  
130 (1999 Replacement Volume)

140 By adding and renumbering  
150 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
160 Section 12-111(b) and (c)  
170 Annotated Code of Maryland  
180 (1999 Replacement Volume)

190 **Preamble**

200 WHEREAS, the loitering on the premises of restaurants, licensed under article  
210 2B, does not denote the consumption of alcohol in violation of the state  
220 mandated age of 21 years and that such establishments provide  
230 entertainment (i.e. dancing, billiards, musical performances, etc.) and also  
240 serve beverages not restricted under Article 2B after meal hours have  
250 expired; now, therefore,

260 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT  
270 LEGISLATURE:

280 **Article–2B**

290 **§ 12-111**

300 (a) *Loitering about a place of business.* – A licensee under this article may  
310 not permit any person ~~not designated under § 1-102 (a) (6) of this~~  
320 ~~article~~ UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD to loaf or loiter  
330 about the place of business for which the license is issued; AND  
340 MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE ELIGIBILITY  
350 OF ENTRANCE FOR ANY PERSON(S) FULFILLING THIS  
360 AGE REQUIRMENT. PLACES OF BUSINESS ARE SUBJECT  
370 TO THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED IN PARAGRAPH (B)  
380 THIS SECTION.

390 (b) GUIDELINES FOR PERSON(S) UNDER THE AGE OF 21

400 (1) PLACES OF BUSINESS MAY CHARGE  
410 ADDITIONAL FEES FOR PERSON(S) UNDER THIS  
420 SUBSECTION.

430 (2) COUNTY LIQUIOR BOARDS SHALL ESTABLISH

440 REGULATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING PHYSICAL  
450 IDENTIFICATION FOR PERSON(S) UNDER THIS  
460 SUBSECTION.

470 (3) PLACE OF BUSINESS ARE PRIMARY ESTABLISHMENTS  
480 UNDER SECTION 12-111. MAY NOT HAVE  
490 DISCRIMINATORY FEES FOR THOSE PERSON(S) UNDER  
500 THIS SUBSECTION.

510 (i) A PRIMARY ESTABLISHMENT SHALL BE  
520 ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS WHICH ONLY  
530 OFFER FOOD AND DRINK AS A PRIMARY  
540 SOURCE OF REVENUE.

550 (4) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SUBSECTIONS (A)  
560 AND (B) SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT  
570 STATE LAW.

580 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that form subsection ~~(b)~~ under  
590 this section will be renumbered subsection (C).

600 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect  
610 on May 1, 2001.

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