

HOUSE BILL 616

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Department of Liquor Control – Renaming**

3 **MC 2–19**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County
5 to be the Alcohol Beverage Services for Montgomery County; specifying that the
6 Alcohol Beverage Services is the successor to the Department of Liquor Control;
7 specifying that in certain documents the name “Department of Liquor Control”
8 means “Alcohol Beverage Services”; providing for the continuity of certain terms of
9 office of certain individuals; providing for the continuity of transactions and
10 employment status affected by certain changes of nomenclature or certain statutes;
11 providing for the continuity of certain units, properties, appropriations, credits,
12 assets, liabilities, and obligations; requiring the publisher of the Annotated Code of
13 Maryland, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to make
14 certain corrections in a certain manner; and generally relating to the renaming of
15 the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

18 Section 1–309 and 25–202(c)(3); 25–301 through 25–312 to be under the amended
19 subtitle “Subtitle 3. Alcohol Beverage Services”; and 25–402,
20 25–404, 25–405(d), 25–1005(c), 25–1007(d), 25–1011.1(e), 25–1201(e),
21 25–1302, and 25–1905

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

25 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

26 Section 25–102

27 Annotated Code of Maryland

28 (2016 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
2 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
3 Section 5–504
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Tax – General
8 Section 5–101(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Tax – General
13 Section 5–101(l) and (n)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

19 1–309.

20 The Comptroller shall enforce the provisions of this article and provisions of the Tax
21 – General Article relating to alcoholic beverages applicable to:

22 (1) the purchase or importation of alcoholic beverages by a department of
23 liquor control [or], a liquor control board, **OR THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES FOR**
24 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**; and

25 (2) the sale of alcoholic beverages to a wholesaler or retail dealer by a
26 department of liquor control [or], a liquor control board, **OR THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE**
27 **SERVICES FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY**.

28 25–102.

29 This title applies only in Montgomery County.

30 25–202.

31 (c) (3) (i) Subject to the Montgomery County public ethics law and
32 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a member of the Board may be an employee of the
33 federal, State, or local government.

1 (ii) A member of the Board may not be an employee of the County
2 [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES**.

3 Subtitle 3. [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES**.

4 25–301.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 [(b) “Department” means the County Department of Liquor Control.]

7 [(c) **(B)** “Director” means the Director of the [Department] **SERVICES**.

8 [(d) **(C)** “Dispensary” means a store established and maintained by the
9 [Department] **SERVICES** for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

10 **(D) “SERVICES” MEANS THE COUNTY ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES.**

11 25–302.

12 There is [a Department of Liquor Control] **THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES**
13 in the county government, which functions as a liquor control board.

14 25–303.

15 (a) There is a Director of the [Department] **SERVICES**, who shall be the chief
16 administrative officer of and exercise general supervision over the [Department]
17 **SERVICES**.

18 (b) The County Executive shall appoint the Director with the consent of the
19 County Council.

20 (c) The County Executive shall determine the qualifications of the Director.

21 (d) The Director:

22 (1) serves at the pleasure of the County Executive; and

23 (2) shall devote full time to the duties of the [Department] **SERVICES**.

24 (e) The County Executive shall set the salary of the Director with the approval of
25 the County Council.

26 25–304.

27 (a) (1) With the approval of the County Executive, the Director may appoint

1 employees necessary to operate the dispensary system, set employee compensation, and
2 require a bond for the faithful performance of employee duties.

3 (2) Except for the Director, each [Department] **SERVICES** employee shall
4 be appointed and employed in accordance with regulations of the Merit System Protection
5 Board.

6 (b) The Office of the County Attorney shall provide legal services to the
7 [Department] **SERVICES**.

8 25–305.

9 (a) A member of the County Council or the County Executive may not have a
10 direct or indirect financial interest in the sale, manufacture, blending, brewing, distilling,
11 rectifying, or wholesaling of any alcoholic beverage purchased or sold under this article.

12 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an employee of the
13 [Department] **SERVICES** may not:

14 (1) have a direct or indirect financial interest in the sale, manufacture,
15 blending, brewing, distilling, rectifying, or wholesaling of any alcoholic beverage purchased
16 or sold under this article;

17 (2) have an interest in a license;

18 (3) directly or indirectly solicit or receive any fee, commission, gratuity,
19 emolument, remuneration, reward, present, or alcoholic beverage sample, and any other
20 consideration from:

21 (i) a person who sells, manufactures, blends, brews, distills,
22 rectifies, wholesales, or distributes alcoholic beverages; or

23 (ii) a license holder; or

24 (4) derive any profit or remuneration from the purchase or sale of alcoholic
25 beverages other than the salary paid by the county for the discharge of the employee's
26 duties.

27 (c) Subject to the County Public Ethics Law, the [Department] **SERVICES** may
28 allow a [Departmental] **SERVICES** employee to be employed by a license holder if the
29 employment directly relates to the performing arts.

30 (d) (1) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a person listed in
31 paragraph (2) of this subsection may not directly or indirectly offer, pay, or give a fee,
32 reward, present, commission, gift, or sample of alcoholic beverages to an employee of the
33 [Department] **SERVICES**, a member of the County Council, or the County Executive.

1 (2) This subsection applies to:

2 (i) a license holder or an employee of a license holder; or

3 (ii) a person or an agent or employee of a person engaged in the
4 manufacture, sale, blending, brewing, distilling, rectifying, wholesaling, or distribution of
5 alcoholic beverages.

6 (e) (1) This section does not prohibit a manufacturer, brewer, wholesaler, or
7 dealer that sells or attempts to sell alcoholic beverages to the [Department] SERVICES
8 from providing samples of alcoholic beverages to the [Department] SERVICES.

9 (2) A person that provides samples of alcoholic beverages to the
10 [Department] SERVICES shall obtain a receipt, signed by the Director, stating in detail
11 the amount and a description of the samples.

12 (3) When received, samples of alcoholic beverages provided under this
13 subsection shall be inventoried and sold in the same manner as other beverages that the
14 [Department] SERVICES purchases.

15 (f) A person that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction
16 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 12 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

17 25–306.

18 (a) There is an Advisory Board in the [Department] SERVICES.

19 (b) The Advisory Board consists of the following eight members:

20 (1) the Director;

21 (2) the Director of the County Department of Police;

22 (3) the Chair of the Board of License Commissioners; and

23 (4) five members who are county residents appointed by the County
24 Executive with the consent of the County Council.

25 (c) Of the members of the Advisory Board appointed under subsection (b)(4) of
26 this section:

27 (1) only one shall be a holder of a Class B or a Class C beer, wine, and liquor
28 license in the county; and

29 (2) only one shall be a holder of a license of any other class in the county.

1 (d) (1) This subsection applies to members of the Advisory Board appointed
2 under subsection (b)(4) of this section.

3 (2) The term of a member is 4 years.

4 (3) A member appointed after a term has begun serves only for the
5 remainder of the term.

6 (4) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms
7 provided for members on July 1, 2016.

8 (e) With the consent of the County Council, the County Executive may remove a
9 member whom the County Executive appointed to the Advisory Board.

10 (f) The Advisory Board shall report at least quarterly to the County Executive on
11 recommendations for the improvement of:

12 (1) the alcoholic beverages control and enforcement activities of the county;
13 and

14 (2) the operations of the dispensary and distribution systems from the
15 standpoint of efficiency, service provided, and convenience to the public.

16 (g) A member of the Advisory Board:

17 (1) may not receive compensation; but

18 (2) is entitled to necessary expenses in connection with the performance of
19 the duties of the Advisory Board.

20 25–307.

21 (a) This section does not apply to a holder of a Class F license.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) through (8) of this subsection:

23 (i) the [Department] **SERVICES** has a monopoly on the wholesale
24 distribution of beer, wine, and liquor and retail distribution of off-sale liquor in the county,
25 subject to § 1–309 of this article; and

26 (ii) a person may sell only alcoholic beverages that are purchased
27 from the [Department] **SERVICES**.

28 (2) The holders of the following wholesaler's licenses may sell or deliver
29 alcoholic beverages for resale to a dispensary:

30 (i) a Class 1 beer, wine, and liquor license;

1 (ii) a Class 2 wine and liquor license;

2 (iii) a Class 3 beer and wine license;

3 (iv) a Class 4 beer license; or

4 (v) a Class 5 wine license.

5 (3) The holder of a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license or nonresident
6 winery permit may sell or deliver wine directly to a dispensary, restaurant, or other retail
7 dealer in the county.

8 (4) The holder of a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler's license or nonresident
9 brewery permit may sell or deliver its own beer to a dispensary, restaurant, or other retail
10 dealer in the county.

11 (5) The holder of a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's license or nonresident
12 distillery permit may sell or deliver its own liquor to a dispensary, restaurant, or other
13 retail dealer authorized to sell liquor in the county.

14 (6) A holder of a direct wine shipper's permit may ship wine directly to a
15 consumer in the county.

16 (7) A dispensary, restaurant, or other retail dealer in the county may
17 purchase wine directly from a holder of a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler's license or of a
18 nonresident winery permit.

19 (8) A dispensary, restaurant, or other retail dealer in the county may
20 purchase beer directly from a holder of a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler's license or of a
21 nonresident brewery permit.

22 (9) A dispensary, restaurant, or other retail dealer authorized to sell liquor
23 in the county may purchase liquor directly from a holder of a Class 8 liquor wholesaler's
24 license or of a nonresident distillery permit.

25 (10) A holder of a charity wine auction permit in the county may receive and
26 sell wine obtained from any source listed under § 2–137 of this article.

27 25–308.

28 (a) The [Department] **SERVICES** may enter into an agreement with a holder of a
29 per diem license to deliver beer on the effective date of the per diem license and accept
30 returns on the same day.

31 (b) The agreement entered into under subsection (a) of this section shall include
32 the type of equipment, services, personnel, and supplies required to dispense draft beer.

1 25–309.

2 (a) With the approval of the County Executive and subject to § 1–309 of this
3 article, the Director may:

4 (1) purchase from a holder of a wholesaler’s license or manufacturer’s
5 license alcoholic beverages that the [Department] **SERVICES** is authorized to sell and on
6 which the excise tax imposed by § 5–102 of the Tax – General Article is paid;

7 (2) purchase from a holder of a resident or nonresident dealer’s permit and
8 import for resale alcoholic beverages that the [Department] **SERVICES** is authorized to
9 sell, and resell the alcoholic beverages once the excise tax is paid;

10 (3) sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers at prices that it determines
11 and that are uniform in all dispensaries;

12 (4) refuse to sell alcoholic beverages to a person that, in the [Department’s]
13 **SERVICES’** judgment, is not suitable to purchase or consume the alcoholic beverages;

14 (5) restrict by any method the quantity of alcoholic beverages that may be
15 sold to an individual consumer or license holder at or during any time;

16 (6) enter into a contract or adopt regulations necessary or desirable to carry
17 out this article;

18 (7) sell and ship outside of the county a container or package of alcoholic
19 beverages kept for sale in a dispensary, if not prohibited by law in the place where the
20 shipment is consigned; and

21 (8) establish the hours of sale for dispensaries, outside of which a
22 dispensary may not remain open.

23 (b) (1) With the approval of the County Executive, the Director, by rental,
24 lease, purchase, or otherwise, may acquire:

25 (i) real or personal property determined by the Director to be
26 necessary to operate dispensaries, stores, or warehouses; and

27 (ii) alcoholic beverages from any source for resale.

28 (2) Except for purchases of merchandise for resale, the [Department]
29 **SERVICES** shall make all purchases through the County Office of Procurement.

30 25–310.

1 (a) With the approval of the County Executive, the Director may establish a
2 dispensary at one or more locations that the Director determines.

3 (b) (1) The [Department] **SERVICES** may sell its inventory through:

4 (i) dispensaries selling at wholesale and retail; and

5 (ii) subject to subsection (c) of this section, retail outlets operated by
6 individuals with whom the [Department] **SERVICES** contracts.

7 (2) Notwithstanding any other law, the Director may sell at wholesale or
8 retail alcoholic beverages in whole cases or in individual bottles through dispensaries to a
9 license holder in the county.

10 (3) The [Department] **SERVICES** may not sell alcoholic beverages at
11 different prices to different license holders or classes of license holders.

12 (c) (1) The Director may not contract with a person to operate:

13 (i) a dispensary; or

14 (ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a retail
15 outlet for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor.

16 (2) The Director may enter into a contract with a person to operate a retail
17 outlet for the sale of liquor for off-premises consumption if the person holds any license for
18 off-premises consumption or for on- and off-premises consumption.

19 (3) The [Department] **SERVICES** shall establish criteria for contracting
20 with retail outlets.

21 (d) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings
22 indicated.

23 (ii) "Beer" includes draft beer in refillable and nonrefillable
24 containers.

25 (iii) "Wine" includes wine in refillable containers.

26 (2) A dispensary:

27 (i) may sell only:

28 1. except as provided for in subsection (e) of this section, for
29 off-premises consumption, nonchilled beer, wine, and liquor;

30 2. ice;

1 3. bottled water; and

2 4. items commonly associated with the serving or
3 consumption of alcoholic beverages, including bottle openers, corkscrews, drink mixes, and
4 lime juice; and

5 (ii) may not sell snack foods or soft drinks.

6 (e) (1) A dispensary may sell any product in the dispensary's inventory for the
7 purpose of:

8 (i) holding tastings of beer, wine, and liquor on the premises of the
9 dispensary only;

10 (ii) serving, for tasting, beer, wine, and liquor; and

11 (iii) allowing the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor by an
12 individual for tasting in a quantity of not more than:

13 1. one-half ounce from each offering of liquor;

14 2. 1.5 ounces from all offerings of liquor in a day;

15 3. 1 ounce from each offering of wine;

16 4. 4 ounces from all offerings of wine in a day;

17 5. 3 ounces from each offering of beer; and

18 6. 12 ounces from all offerings of beer in a day.

19 (2) Once opened, a bottle used for beer, wine, or liquor tasting shall be
20 marked that it is to be used for that purpose only.

21 (f) The [Department] **SERVICES** may sell or deliver alcoholic beverages to a
22 retail license holder from 6 a.m. to midnight on every day except Sunday.

23 (g) A manager of a dispensary, an individual who contracts to operate a retail
24 outlet as authorized under subsection (c) of this section, or an employee of a dispensary or
25 retail outlet who commits a prohibited act related to the sale or providing of alcoholic
26 beverages to individuals under the age of 21 years under this article or the Criminal Law
27 Article is subject to:

28 (1) any penalty authorized by law, including a civil citation issued under §
29 10-119 of the Criminal Law Article; and

1 (2) a fine and suspension or revocation of employment by the Board in the
2 same manner as a license holder or employee of a license holder would be subject to a fine
3 and suspension or revocation of the license for the violation.

4 (h) Title 4, Subtitle 2 of this article does not apply to this section.

5 25–311.

6 (a) Revenue derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be:

7 (1) deposited in a bank located in the county in the name of Montgomery
8 County, Maryland; and

9 (2) disbursed by the Director of Finance in the same manner as other
10 county funds.

11 (b) (1) There is [a Liquor Control] **AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES**
12 Fund in the county.

13 (2) The proceeds derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be
14 credited into the [Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** Fund to maintain an
15 adequate balance of working capital, as determined by the Director and the Director of
16 Finance and subject to the approval of the County Executive, for the continued operation
17 of the dispensary system.

18 (3) After providing adequate working capital for the [Liquor Control]
19 **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** Fund, the net proceeds shall be deposited to the general
20 fund of the county.

21 25–312.

22 The [Department] **SERVICES** shall have the immunity from liability established
23 under § 5–504 of the Courts Article.

24 25–402.

25 A holder of a manufacturer's license may sell or deliver alcoholic beverages to the
26 [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** from 6 a.m. to midnight
27 on every day except Sunday.

28 25–404.

29 (a) This section applies to a Class 6 pub–brewery license in the county.

30 (b) Section 2–208(d) of this article does not apply in the county.

1 (c) A holder of the license shall enter into a written agreement with the
2 [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for the sale and resale
3 of malt beverages brewed under the license.

4 25-405.

5 (d) A holder of the license shall enter into a written agreement with the
6 [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for the sale and resale
7 of malt beverages brewed under the license.

8 25-1005.

9 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail at the place described
10 in the license, beer, wine, and liquor:

11 (1) purchased from the [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL**
12 **BEVERAGE SERVICES** for the county;

13 (2) for on-premises consumption; and

14 (3) to a member or a guest accompanied by a member.

15 25-1007.

16 (d) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor
17 purchased from the [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for
18 on-premises consumption by:

19 (1) a country club member;

20 (2) a member of the immediate family of a country club member;

21 (3) an individual residing temporarily in the clubhouse of the country club;

22 or

23 (4) a guest of a country club member, including an individual who attends
24 a recognized national or regional athletic event held on the premises of the license holder
25 if:

26 (i) the license holder has applied to the Board to sell alcoholic
27 beverages to individuals attending the event;

28 (ii) the application has been made at least 60 days before the date
29 that the event is to take place; and

30 (iii) the Board has approved the application.

1 25-1011.1.

2 (e) All beer and wine intended for consumption at the stadium shall be purchased
3 from the [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for the county.

4 25-1201.

5 (e) The license holder shall:

6 (1) contract for and provide food for consumption at a catered event;

7 (2) meet the same ratio of gross receipts between food and alcoholic
8 beverage sales as a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license; and

9 (3) purchase all alcoholic beverages from the [Department of Liquor
10 Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES**.

11 25-1302.

12 A holder of a Class C per diem beer license, a Class C per diem beer and wine license,
13 or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license may purchase alcoholic beverages from:

14 (1) a County [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE**
15 **SERVICES** warehouse;

16 (2) a dispensary;

17 (3) a manufacturer with a self-distribution license or permit under §
18 25-307 of this title; or

19 (4) a retail dealer licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises
20 consumption.

21 25-1905.

22 A license holder may sell only alcoholic beverages purchased from the [Department
23 of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for the county if the holder's license
24 is:

25 (1) a Class A, Class B, Class H, Class C, or Class D beer license;

26 (2) a Class B, Class C, or Class D beer and wine license; or

27 (3) a Class A-TP, Class B, or Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

28 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

1 5-504.

2 The [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for
3 Montgomery County shall be:

4 (1) Immune from all suits for damages; and

5 (2) Subject to suit only for the enforcement of contracts made by the
6 [Department of Liquor Control] **ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES** for Montgomery
7 County.

8 **Article – Tax – General**

9 5-101.

10 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (l) (1) “Retail dealer” means a person who buys an alcoholic beverage for sale
12 to a consumer.

13 (2) “Retail dealer” includes a county department of liquor control [or], A
14 liquor control board, **OR THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES FOR MONTGOMERY**
15 **COUNTY** that operates a dispensary.

16 (n) (1) “Wholesaler” means a person who buys or imports an alcoholic beverage
17 for sale to another person for resale.

18 (2) “Wholesaler” includes a county department of liquor control [or], A
19 liquor control board, **OR THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES FOR MONTGOMERY**
20 **COUNTY** that operates a wholesale dispensary.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as provided in this Act:

22 (1) the Alcohol Beverage Services for Montgomery County is the successor
23 of the Department of Liquor Control for Montgomery County; and

24 (2) in every ordinance, order, rule, regulation, policy, or document created
25 by a county official, employee, or unit, the name “Department of Liquor Control” means
26 “Alcohol Beverage Services”.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the
28 term of office of a member of any commission, office, agency, or other county unit. An
29 individual who is a member of a county unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain
30 for the balance of the term, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under
31 provisions of law.

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any transaction or
2 employment status affected by or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute
3 amended by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act
4 and every right, duty, or interest flowing from a statute amended by this Act remains valid
5 after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or
6 enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended by this Act as though the
7 amendment had not occurred.

8 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

9 (1) the continuity of every commission, office, agency, or other Montgomery
10 County unit is retained; and

11 (2) the personnel records, files, furniture, fixtures, and other properties
12 and all appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the Montgomery
13 County unit are continued as the personnel records, files, furniture, fixtures, properties,
14 appropriations, credits, assets, liabilities, and obligations of the Montgomery County unit
15 under the laws enacted by this Act.

16 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the
17 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the
18 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by the
19 General Assembly, cross-references and terminology rendered incorrect by this Act. The
20 publisher shall adequately describe any correction made in an editor's note following the
21 section affected.

22 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2019.