

SENATE BILL 519

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By: **Charles County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2023

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Unlicensed Establishments**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that live entertainment be offered or
4 provided by a certain establishment for certain prohibitions relating to alcoholic
5 beverages in Charles County to apply; altering the conditions under which certain
6 exemptions apply; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 18–102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 18–2501

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 18–102.

21 This title applies only in Charles County.

22 18–2501.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an unlicensed
2 establishment [that offers or provides live entertainment] may not, at a location under the
3 control or possession of the establishment, sell, serve, keep, or allow to be consumed:

4 (1) alcoholic beverages;

5 (2) setups; or

6 (3) other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks.

7 (b) As long as [live entertainment is not offered or provided on] **ALCOHOLIC**
8 **BEVERAGES ARE NOT OFFERED, SOLD, SERVED, KEPT, OR ALLOWED TO BE**
9 **CONSUMED** more than 8 days in a calendar month, the following are exempted from the
10 prohibitions in subsection (a) of this section:

11 (1) the room of a registered guest in a hotel or motel;

12 (2) property owned by a volunteer fire company;

13 (3) property owned and operated by a community or homeowners
14 association composed only of property owners in a single subdivision; or

15 (4) property owned by a religious institution.

16 (c) A person that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction
17 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or both.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2023.