

Chapter 667

(House Bill 1105)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Sales – Prohibition on Use of Self-Scanning Cash Registers

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FOR the purpose of prohibiting a retail alcoholic beverages licensee in Prince George's County from selling alcoholic beverages by means of a self-scanning cash register or a certain other automated system that may be operated on a self-service basis by a customer; providing a certain penalty; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the retail sale of alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12-217.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

12-217.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

(B) A RETAIL LICENSEE LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY MEANS OF A SELF-SCANNING CASH REGISTER OR OTHER AUTOMATED SYSTEM THAT IS:

(1) CAPABLE OF RECOVERING STORED INFORMATION RELATED TO THE SALE PRICE OF INDIVIDUAL RETAIL ITEMS; AND

(2) OPERATED ON A SELF-SERVICE BASIS BY A CUSTOMER.

(C) IF A RETAIL LICENSEE LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE VIOLATES THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD MAY:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, IMPOSE A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 ON THE LICENSEE;

(2) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, IMPOSE A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 ON THE LICENSEE; AND

(3) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE:

(I) IMPOSE A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 ON THE LICENSEE; OR

(II) SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF THE LICENSEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any retail licensee who sold alcoholic beverages by means of a self-scanning cash register or other automated system before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.