

HOUSE BILL 779

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CF SB 523

By: **Delegate Parrott**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Washington County – Local Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County
4 to impose a certain fine on an employee of a holder of an alcoholic beverages license
5 in the County under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the imposition
6 of fines by the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 31–2702

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General
12 Assembly of 2016)

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

15 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 31–2702.

17 (a) A license holder or an employee of a license holder who is charged with a
18 violation of § 6–304 of this article:

19 (1) shall receive a summons to appear in court on a certain day to answer
20 the charges placed against the license holder or employee; and

21 (2) may not be required to post bail pending trial in any court in the State.

22 (b) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not be found guilty of
23 a violation of § 6–304 of this article if:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) the license holder or employee establishes to the satisfaction of the
2 finder of fact that the license holder or employee used due caution to establish that the
3 individual was not under the age of 21 years; and

4 (2) the individual was not a resident of the State.

5 **(C) IF AN EMPLOYEE OF A LICENSE HOLDER VIOLATES § 6-304 OF THIS**
6 **ARTICLE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE ON THE EMPLOYEE A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.**

7 **[(c)] (D)** The granting of probation before judgment to a license holder or an
8 employee of the license holder for a violation of § 6-304 of this article does not bar the Board
9 from proceeding administratively against the license holder for the violation.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2016.