

# HOUSE BILL 962

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Signs on Licensed Premises**  
3 **Prohibiting Sales to Underage Individuals**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a holder of a retail alcoholic beverages license in  
5 Baltimore City to post a sign on the licensed premises that states that State law  
6 prohibits the license holder from selling or providing an alcoholic beverage to an  
7 individual under the age of 21 years; requiring the Board of Liquor License  
8 Commissioners to adopt guidelines for the design of the sign; establishing  
9 certain penalties; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore  
10 City.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 21–105.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 **21–105.1.**

20 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

21 **(B) A HOLDER OF A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE SHALL**  
22 **POST A SIGN IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION ON THE LICENSED PREMISES THAT**  
23 **STATES THAT STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE LICENSE HOLDER OR AN EMPLOYEE**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OF THE LICENSE HOLDER FROM SELLING OR PROVIDING AN ALCOHOLIC  
2 BEVERAGE TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS.

3 (C) THE BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT  
4 GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN OF A SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

5 (D) IF A HOLDER OF A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE DOES  
6 NOT POST A SIGN AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE HOLDER:

7 (1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, SHALL RECEIVE A WARNING; AND

8 (2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, IS SUBJECT TO A  
9 CIVIL PENALTY OF \$100.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2011.