

HOUSE BILL 749

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By: **Delegates Lam, Morhaim, Barkley, Barve, Chang, Ebersole, Fraser-Hidalgo, Frick, Jalisi, Patterson, Pena-Melnyk, Sample-Hughes, Sophocleus, and K. Young**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2016

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 14, 2016

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Sale of Powdered Alcohol – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell alcoholic beverages
4 that are sold in a powder or crystalline form for direct use or use in combination with
5 water or any other substance; providing a certain penalty; providing for the
6 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a prohibition on the sale of
7 powdered alcohol.

8 BY renumbering

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 6–326, 6–327, 6–328, and 6–329, respectively

11 to be Section 6–327, 6–328, 6–329, and 6–330, respectively

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly
14 of 2016)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 6–326

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly
20 of 2016)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That Section(s) 6–326, 6–327, 6–328, and 6–329, respectively, of Article – Alcoholic
3 Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 6–327,
4 6–328, 6–329, and 6–330, respectively.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
6 as follows:

7 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

8 **6–326.**

9 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
10 **THAT ARE SOLD IN POWDER OR CRYSTALLINE FORM FOR DIRECT USE OR USE IN**
11 **COMBINATION WITH WATER OR ANY OTHER SUBSTANCE.**

12 **(B) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
13 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

14 **(2) EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.**

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2018,
17 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
18 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.