

HOUSE BILL 1288

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Rules suspended

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A BILL ENTITLED

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 repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 1–102(a)(1) and (2)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 16–505.3
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 1–102.

22 (a) (1) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) (i) “Alcoholic beverages” means alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin,
2 cordial, beer, ale, porter, stout, wine, cider, and any other spirituous, vinous, malt or
3 fermented liquor, liquid, or compound, by whatever name called, which contains, except as
4 provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, one-half of one percent or more of alcohol
5 by volume, which is fit for beverage purposes.

6 (ii) “Alcoholic beverages” does not include a confectionery food
7 product that contains up to 5 percent of alcohol by volume and is regulated by the
8 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under § 21-209 of the Health – General Article.

9 **16-505.3.**

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

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

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

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
18 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
19 abrogated and of no further force and effect.