

SENATE BILL 921

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By: **Senator Pugh**

Introduced and read first time: March 9, 2015

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Penalties for Sales to Underage Persons**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum fine that the Baltimore City Board of License
4 Commissioners may impose for a first offense of selling alcoholic beverages to a
5 person under a certain age; and generally relating to penalties for sales of alcoholic
6 beverages to persons under a certain age in Baltimore City.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 12–108(a)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 16–507(d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 12–108.

21 (a) (1) A licensee licensed under this article, or any employee of the licensee,
22 may not sell or furnish any alcoholic beverages at any time:

23 (i) To a person under 21 years of age for the underage person's own
24 use or for the use of any other person; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) To any person who, at the time of the sale, or delivery, is visibly
2 under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.

3 16-507.

4 (d) (1) For any violation that is cause for suspension under the alcoholic
5 beverage laws affecting Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Board of License
6 Commissioners may:

7 [(1)] (I) [For] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
8 **SUBSECTION, FOR** a first offense, impose a fine of not more than \$500 or suspend the
9 license or both; or

10 [(2)] (II) For any subsequent offense, impose a fine of not more than
11 \$3,000 or suspend the license or both.

12 (2) **FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO A**
13 **PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT MORE**
14 **THAN \$1,000 OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR BOTH.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2015.