

House Bill No. 256

AN ACT concerning

**Worcester County – Alcoholic Beverages
(BYOB Establishments)**

FOR the purpose of extending the hours during which the consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain establishments in Worcester County is prohibited; providing for certain exceptions; and relating generally to the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 86(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

86.

(k) (1) In Worcester County, if the premises constitute a restaurant, tavern, hotel, club, dance studio, disco, or place of public entertainment, a person, club, organization, or place of public entertainment may not knowingly allow the consumption, possession, or transfer of alcoholic beverages except in a manner specifically permitted or provided for by this article if:

(i) The person, club, organization, or place of public entertainment is in possession or control of the place as owner, lessee, or user; and

(ii) The place is open to the general public or in any way licensed by the State of Maryland or by Worcester County.

(2) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT CONSUME ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT ANY TIME ON ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, INCLUDING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, IN ANY ESTABLISHMENT COVERED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY TO ANY ESTABLISHMENT COVERED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT WAS IN OPERATION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1994. HOWEVER, SUCH AN ESTABLISHMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

[(2)](3) (i) The following are exempt from [paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2)(I) of this subsection: