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**By: Senator Derr**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
3 **(Wine Tasting License)**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a wine sampling and tasting alcoholic beverages license in  
5 Frederick County; providing for the license; and generally relating to wine sampling  
6 and tasting licenses.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 8-405 through 8-408, respectively  
10 to be Section 8-406 through 8-409, respectively  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 8-405  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8-405 through 8-408, respectively, of Article 2B -  
20 Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)  
21 8-406 through 8-409, respectively.

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

24 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

25 8-405.

26 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

27 (B) THERE IS A WINE TASTING (WT) LICENSE.

28 (C) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$150.

1 (D) APPLICATIONS FOR A WT LICENSE SHALL BE MADE ON FORMS SUPPLIED  
2 BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS. RENEWALS OF THE LICENSE MAY BE  
3 MADE AT THE TIME THE REGULAR LICENSE IS RENEWED. A LICENSE MAY BE  
4 GRANTED WITHOUT A HEARING. IF APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE IS DENIED, THE  
5 APPLICANT MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD.

6 (E) (1) A WT LICENSEE MAY NOT SERVE TO ANY PERSON FOR SAMPLING OR  
7 TASTING PURPOSES MORE THAN ONE OUNCE FROM EACH BRAND. A MAXIMUM OF  
8 SIX BOTTLES MAY BE OPENED AT ANY ONE TIME.

9 (2) A WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENT MAY NOT BE HELD MORE  
10 THAN 15 DAYS EACH LICENSING PERIOD.

11 (3) THE LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING AT LEAST 5  
12 DAYS PRIOR TO EACH EVENT.

13 (4) ONCE OPENED, EACH BOTTLE USED FOR THE WINE SAMPLING OR  
14 TASTING EVENT SHALL BE MARKED THAT IT IS TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE  
15 ONLY.

16 (5) THE CONTENTS OF EACH BOTTLE MAY NOT BE MIXED WITH ANY  
17 OTHER BOTTLE AND ALL BOTTLES SHALL BE DESTROYED ONCE THEY ARE EMPTY.

18 (F) A WT LICENSE IS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY. WINE  
19 SAMPLING OR TASTING MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED FROM A DRIVE-THROUGH  
20 WINDOW.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 1996.