
By: **Delegate Arnick**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Light Wine - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of light wine that is applicable to certain
4 alcoholic beverages provisions of law by increasing the maximum allowable
5 percentage of alcohol by volume; and generally relating to light wine.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 1-102(a)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 1-102(a)(17) and 4-101
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19 1-102.

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

21 (17) "Light wine" means any naturally fermented wine containing not in
22 excess of [14] 15.5 percent of alcohol by volume.

23 4-101.

24 (a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented
25 beverage that contains not in excess of [14] 15.5 percent of alcohol by volume unless
26 another percentage is listed.

- 1 (b) Allegany County.
- 2 (c) Anne Arundel County.
- 3 (d) Baltimore City.
- 4 (e) Baltimore County.
- 5 (f) Calvert County.
- 6 (g) Caroline County -- 22 percent.
- 7 (h) Carroll County.
- 8 (i) Cecil County.
- 9 (j) Charles County.
- 10 (k) Dorchester County -- 22 percent.
- 11 (l) Frederick County.
- 12 (m) Garrett County.
- 13 (n) Harford County -- 23 percent.
- 14 (o) Howard County.
- 15 (p) Kent County -- 22 percent.
- 16 (q) Montgomery County -- 22 percent (includes naturally fermented or
17 fortified wines).
- 18 (r) Prince George's County.
- 19 (s) Queen Anne's County -- 22 percent.
- 20 (t) St. Mary's County -- 22 percent.
- 21 (u) Somerset County -- 22 percent.
- 22 (v) Talbot County.
- 23 (w) Washington County.
- 24 (x) Wicomico County -- 22 percent.
- 25 (y) Worcester County -- 22 percent.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2003.