
By: **Delegate V. Clagett**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Wine Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Anne Arundel County to those counties that are
 4 authorized to issue a Class A light wine license to holders of a Class 4
 5 manufacturer's license; providing for the license fee, the authority the license
 6 provides, and certain requirements as to the delivery of the wine; adding Anne
 7 Arundel County to those counties that are authorized to issue a Class A light
 8 wine license to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license that makes wine
 9 from agricultural products grown in the State; and generally relating to Class A
 10 wine licenses in Anne Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
 13 Section 4-201
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 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 4-201.

20 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

21 (1) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

22 [(1)] (2) Baltimore County;

23 [(2)] (3) Calvert County;

24 [(3)] (4) Carroll County;

25 [(4)] (5) Dorchester County;

1 [(5)] (6) Frederick County;
2 [(6)] (7) Garrett County;
3 [(7)] (8) Harford County;
4 [(8)] (9) Montgomery County;
5 [(9)] (10) Queen Anne's County;
6 [(10)] (11) St. Mary's County;
7 [(11)] (12) Somerset County;
8 [(12)] (13) Talbot County; and
9 [(13)] (14) Washington County.

10 (b) (1) The annual fee for this license is \$50.
11 (2) In Montgomery County the annual license fee is \$100.
12 (3) In Garrett County, the issuing fee for this license is \$50.

13 (c) A Class A light wine license may be issued by the license issuing authority
14 of the county in which the place of business is located to any holder of a Class 4
15 manufacturer's license.

16 (d) (1) The license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell light
17 wines produced at the winery in any quantity to any consumer at retail at the place
18 described in the license. The light wine shall be delivered in a sealed package or
19 container which may not be opened or the contents consumed on the licensed
20 premises.

21 (2) In Montgomery County the licensee may not make more than 20,000
22 gallons of on-premises sales per year.

23 (3) In Frederick County and Baltimore County, the licensee may keep for
24 sale and sell light wines and ports that contain not in excess of 21 percent of alcohol
25 by volume produced at the winery in any quantity to any consumer at retail at the
26 place described in the license.

27 (4) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in
28 Harford County, the licensee may keep for sale and sell light wines and port wines
29 produced at the winery in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this
30 paragraph.

31 (ii) The light wines and port wines under the provisions of
32 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

33 1. May not exceed 23 percent of alcohol by volume;

