

HOUSE BILL 245

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2011

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine and Liquor Tasting**
3 **License**

4 **Ho. Co. 5–11**

5 FOR the purpose of creating in Howard County a beer, wine and liquor tasting
6 (BWLTL) license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting
7 maximum limits on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be served
8 under a BWLTL license; setting the annual license fee; authorizing the Howard
9 County Board of License Commissioners to adopt rules or regulations to
10 implement this Act; increasing the maximum alcohol content of wine that may
11 be served under a beer and wine tasting license to conform with a certain
12 definition of light wine; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to
13 alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 8–408.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

21 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 8–408.1.

23 (a) (1) In Howard County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue
24 a beer and wine tasting (BWT) alcoholic beverages license.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A BWT**
2 **LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF:**

3 **(I) A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE;**
4 **OR**

5 **(II) A CLASS A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE.**

6 (3) **[The] A BWT license authorizes the on–premises consumption,**
7 **FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING ONLY, of [beer or wine,]:**

8 **(I) BEER; OR**

9 **(II) WINE** containing not more than [14%] **15.5%** of alcohol by
10 volume[, for tasting or sampling only].

11 **[(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the license may be**
12 **issued to holders of a Class A beer, wine and liquor (BWL) license or a Class A beer**
13 **and wine (BW) license.]**

14 (4) **[The licensee] A HOLDER OF A BWT LICENSE** may not serve:

15 (i) Wine in a quantity of more than 1 ounce from each given
16 brand and no more than 4 ounces from all brands to any one person in a single day; or

17 (ii) Beer in a quantity of more than 3 ounces from each given
18 brand and no more than 8 ounces from all brands to any one person in a single day.

19 (5) The annual license fee for [the] A BWT license is \$100 in addition
20 to the fee of any other alcoholic beverages license.

21 **(B) (1) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE**
22 **COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR TASTING (BWL) TASTING**
23 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.**

24 (2) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A BWLT**
25 **LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR**
26 **(BWL) LICENSE.**

27 (3) **A BWLT LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE ON–PREMISES**
28 **CONSUMPTION, FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING ONLY, OF:**

29 **(I) BEER;**

1 **(II) WINE CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 15.5% OF ALCOHOL**
2 **BY VOLUME; OR**

3 **(III) LIQUOR.**

4 **(4) A HOLDER OF A BWLT LICENSE MAY NOT SERVE:**

5 **(I) WINE IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM**
6 **EACH GIVEN BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN 4 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS TO ANY**
7 **ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY;**

8 **(II) BEER IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 3 OUNCES FROM**
9 **EACH GIVEN BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN 8 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS TO ANY**
10 **ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY; OR**

11 **(III) LIQUOR IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1/4 OUNCE**
12 **FROM EACH GIVEN BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM ALL BRANDS TO**
13 **ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.**

14 **(5) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR A BWLT LICENSE IS \$100 IN**
15 **ADDITION TO THE FEE FOR ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.**

16 **[(b)] (C)** The Howard County Board of License Commissioners may adopt
17 rules or regulations providing additional requirements to implement this section.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 2011.