

Chapter 407

(House Bill 464)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Micro–Brewery Licenses – Retail Sale – Prepackaged Beer

FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a Class 7 micro–brewery (on– and off–sale) license to sell at retail beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises as prepackaged beer in nonrefillable containers; and generally relating to the retail sale of beer brewed under a micro–brewery license for consumption off the licensed premises.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–208(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–208(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

2–208.

(a) There is a Class 7 micro–brewery (on– and off–sale) license.

(d) (1) The on–sale privilege authorizes the holder, each calendar year, to sell at retail up to 4,000 barrels of beer brewed under this license to customers for consumption on the licensed premises.

(2) The off–sale privilege authorizes the holder to sell and deliver beer brewed under this license to:

(i) Any wholesaler licensed under this article to sell beer in this State; or

(ii) Any person who is located in a state other than Maryland who is authorized under the laws of that state to receive brewed beverages.

(3) (i) This paragraph applies only in:

1. Allegany County;
2. The City of Annapolis;
3. Anne Arundel County;
4. Baltimore City;
5. Baltimore County;
6. Calvert County;
7. Caroline County;
8. Carroll County;
9. Charles County;
10. Dorchester County;
11. Frederick County;
12. Garrett County;
13. Harford County;
14. Howard County;
15. Kent County;
16. Montgomery County;
17. Prince George's County;
18. Queen Anne's County;
19. St. Mary's County;
20. Talbot County;

21. Washington County;
22. Wicomico County; and
23. Worcester County.

(ii) The holder may sell at retail beer brewed under this license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises [in]:

1. IN refillable containers that are sealed by the micro-brewery licensee at the time of each refill; AND

2. AS PREPACKAGED BEER IN NONREFILLABLE CONTAINERS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.