

Chapter 90

(House Bill 424)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event – Education Permits

Ho. Co. 05–15

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special event – education beer and wine tasting alcoholic beverages permit and a special event – education beer, wine, and liquor tasting alcoholic beverages permit; specifying that a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit authorized under this Act may be issued to a holder of a certain alcoholic beverages license; specifying that a holder of a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit authorized under this Act may provide from the holder’s inventory certain alcoholic beverages to a consumer who has preregistered for a certain event, subject to certain limitations; specifying a permit fee; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY renumbering

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–408.2 and 8–408.3, respectively
to be Section 8–408.3 and 8–408.4, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–408.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8–408.2 and 8–408.3, respectively, of Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8–408.3 and 8–408.4, respectively.

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

8–408.2.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION” MEANS AN EVENT AT WHICH A SPEAKER PROVIDES INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO DEVELOP A FOUNDATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING:

- (1) STYLES OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR;**
- (2) METHODS OF TASTING BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR;**
- (3) PAIRING FOOD AND BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR; AND**
- (4) SERVING, STORING, AND BUYING BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR.**

(B) (1) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BEER AND WINE TASTING (BWT) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMIT.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF:

- (I) A CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE; OR**
- (II) A CLASS A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE.**

(3) A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING ONLY, OF:

- (I) BEER; OR**
- (II) WINE CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 15.5% OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME.**

(4) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY PROVIDE, TO A CONSUMER WHO HAS PREREGISTERED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION, BEER OR WINE FROM THE HOLDER’S INVENTORY AT A PRORATED CHARGE THAT COVERS THE COST OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SNACKS, AND A SPEAKER.

(5) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY NOT SERVE:

(I) WINE IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NO MORE THAN ~~4~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY; OR

(II) BEER IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN ~~3~~ 2 OUNCES FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NO MORE THAN ~~8~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.

(6) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT IS \$100 IN ADDITION TO THE FEE FOR ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

(C) (1) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR TASTING (BWLT) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMIT.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWLT PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE.

(3) A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWLT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING ONLY, OF:

(I) BEER;

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

(III) LIQUOR.

(4) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWLT PERMIT MAY PROVIDE, TO A CONSUMER WHO HAS PREREGISTERED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION, BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR FROM THE HOLDER’S INVENTORY AT A PRORATED CHARGE THAT COVERS THE COST OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SNACKS, AND A SPEAKER.

(5) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWLT PERMIT MAY NOT SERVE:

(I) WINE IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN ~~4~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY;

(II) BEER IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN ~~3~~ 2 OUNCES FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN ~~8~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY; OR

(III) LIQUOR IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN ~~1/4~~ 1/2 OUNCE FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN ~~1 OUNCE~~ 3 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.

(6) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWLT PERMIT IS \$100 IN ADDITION TO THE FEE FOR ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

(D) THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.