

HOUSE BILL 202

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wineries**

3 **MC 21–15**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery
5 County to issue a Class D beer and light wine license to a certain holder of a Class 3
6 manufacturer’s license in Montgomery County; and generally relating to alcoholic
7 beverages in Montgomery County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 2–204
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 2–204.

17 **(A)** A Class 3 manufacturer’s license:

18 (1) Is a winery license; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) Authorizes the holder to:

2 (i) Establish and operate in this State a plant for fermenting and
3 bottling wine at the location described in the license;

4 (ii) Import bulk wine from the holder of a nonresident dealer's
5 permit;

6 (iii) Sell and deliver wine to any wholesale licensee or permit holder
7 in this State, or person outside of this State authorized to acquire wine;

8 (iv) Sell wine made from products grown in Maryland at a retail price
9 at the plant to persons participating in a guided tour of the facility. The purchase shall be
10 limited to not more than one quart per person per year provided the purchaser has attained
11 the Maryland legal drinking age; and

12 (v) Serve at no charge not more than 6 ounces of wines made at the
13 licensed facility to a person who is participating in a guided tour of the facility, provided
14 the person has attained the Maryland legal drinking age.

15 **(B) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**
16 **MAY ISSUE A CLASS D BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3**
17 **MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT PRODUCES NOT MORE**
18 **THAN 20,000 GALLONS IN A YEAR.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.