

HOUSE BILL 424

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event – Education Permits**

3 **Ho. Co. 05–15**

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

15 BY renumbering

16 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 8–408.2 and 8–408.3, respectively
18 to be Section 8–408.3 and 8–408.4, respectively
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
23 Section 8–408.2
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
27 That Section(s) 8–408.2 and 8–408.3, respectively, of Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8–408.3 and 8–408.4,
2 respectively.

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

5 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

6 **8–408.2.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY
27 PROVIDE, TO A CONSUMER WHO HAS PREREGISTERED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT –
28 EDUCATION, BEER OR WINE FROM THE HOLDER’S INVENTORY AT A PRORATED

1 CHARGE THAT COVERS THE COST OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC
2 BEVERAGES, SNACKS, AND A SPEAKER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (I) BEER;

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

25 (III) LIQUOR.

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

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

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

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

9 **(III) LIQUOR IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1/4 OUNCE FROM**
10 **ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN 1 OUNCE IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY**
11 **ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.**

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

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

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2015.