

# SENATE BILL 631

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By: **Washington County Senators**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Tasting License for Class B**  
3 **License Holders – Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the authority for a certain wine tasting license to be issued  
5 to a certain Class B (on–off sale) beer, wine and liquor license holder; and generally  
6 relating to a wine tasting license for Class B license holders in Washington County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 8–411  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

15 8–411.

16 (a) This section applies only in Washington County.

17 (b) A special wine tasting license (WTL) may be issued only to a holder of a Class  
18 A (off–sale) beer, wine and liquor license [or a Class B (on–off sale) beer, wine and liquor  
19 license].

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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 (c) The annual license fee is \$200, in addition to the annual license fee of a Class  
2 A (off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license.

3 (d) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a special wine tasting license  
4 (WTL) to permit on-premises consumption of wine for tasting or sampling purposes only.

5 (e) The holder of a special wine tasting license may not charge for the wine tasting  
6 or sampling.

7 (f) The license is effective for use no more than 12 days in a licensing year. The  
8 licensee shall notify the Board in writing at least 10 days in advance of any scheduled  
9 tasting date.

10 (g) Servings are limited to no more than 2 ounces of any one wine to any one  
11 customer.

12 (h) The Board may adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.