

# SENATE BILL 818

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By: **Senators Nathan–Pulliam and Pugh**  
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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Baltimore City – Class BWLT License**

3 FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of a Class  
4 BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A  
5 beer, wine and liquor license in a certain location in Baltimore City; and generally  
6 relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 8–403.2  
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 8–403.2.

16 (a) This section applies only in:

17 (1) Ward 27, precincts 42 and 44 of the 41st Legislative District of  
18 Baltimore City;

19 (2) Ward 27, precincts 41 and 48 of the 43rd Legislative District of  
20 Baltimore City; [and]

21 (3) Ward 11, precinct 5 of the 44th Legislative District of Baltimore City;

22 **AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(4) THE 3000 BLOCK OF FREDERICK AVENUE IN WARD 20, PRECINCT**  
2 **9 OF THE 44A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF BALTIMORE CITY, BASED ON THE**  
3 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN OF 2012.**

4           (b) The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue a  
5 Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license to a holder of a Class A  
6 beer, wine and liquor license.

7           (c) (1) The fees for a Class BWLT license are as follows:

8                   (i) \$20 for a daily tasting license, which may be issued not more  
9 than 12 times in any annual license year;

10                  (ii) \$200 annually for a 26-day tasting license, which may be used  
11 consecutively or nonconsecutively;

12                  (iii) \$300 annually for a 52-day tasting license, which may be used  
13 consecutively or nonconsecutively; and

14                  (iv) \$750 annually for a tasting license that may be used daily  
15 throughout the year.

16           (2) The fees for a Class BWLT license are in addition to the Class A annual  
17 license fee.

18           (d) (1) A Class BWLT license authorizes the holder to allow the on-premises  
19 consumption of beer, light wine, and liquor for tasting or sampling.

20           (2) A person may consume beer, light wine, or liquor covered by a Class  
21 BWLT license in a quantity not exceeding:

22                   (i) 1 ounce of light wine from a given brand in a single day;

23                   (ii) 3 ounces of beer from a given brand in a single day; and

24                   (iii) One-half ounce of liquor from a given brand in a single day.

25           (e) At the end of each day for which a Class BWLT license is valid, the holder of  
26 the license shall dispose of any unconsumed alcoholic beverage remaining in a container  
27 that was opened for tasting or sampling.

28           (f) (1) Each Class A license holder that seeks issuance of a Class BWLT license  
29 for which the holder is eligible shall apply for the license on forms provided by the Board of  
30 Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

1           (2)     The forms provided by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for  
2 Baltimore City under paragraph (1) of this subsection for licenses issued under subsection  
3 (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section shall specify the date or dates on which the tasting is  
4 requested to occur.

5           (3)     The application and payment for the daily license under subsection  
6 (c)(1)(i) of this section shall be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the tasting event or  
7 7 days in advance of the first day of consecutive day tasting events.

8           (4)     The application and payment for the 26-day tasting license and the  
9 52-day tasting license shall be made at least 7 days in advance of the first proposed tasting  
10 event.

11           (5)     The holder of a 26-day tasting license and a 52-day tasting license shall  
12 notify the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, on forms approved  
13 by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, of additional tasting  
14 events authorized by the licenses.

15           (g)     The provisions of this section are not restricted by:

16                   (1)     § 12-107(b) of this article; and

17                   (2)     The provisions in § 9-102 of this article that prohibit the issuance of  
18 two licenses for the same premises.

19           (h)     The holder of a Class BWLT license may exercise the privileges of this section  
20 during the hours and days provided for under the holder's respective Class A license.

21           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
22 1, 2015.