Chapter 77

(House Bill 202)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wineries

MC 21-15

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a Class D beer and light wine license to a <u>certain</u> holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license in Montgomery County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 2-204

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2-204.

- (A) A Class 3 manufacturer's license:
 - (1) Is a winery license; and
 - (2) Authorizes the holder to:
- (i) Establish and operate in this State a plant for fermenting and bottling wine at the location described in the license;
- (ii) Import bulk wine from the holder of a nonresident dealer's permit;
- (iii) Sell and deliver wine to any wholesale licensee or permit holder in this State, or person outside of this State authorized to acquire wine;
- (iv) Sell wine made from products grown in Maryland at a retail price at the plant to persons participating in a guided tour of the facility. The purchase shall be limited to not more than one quart per person per year provided the purchaser has attained the Maryland legal drinking age; and

- (v) Serve at no charge not more than 6 ounces of wines made at the licensed facility to a person who is participating in a guided tour of the facility, provided the person has attained the Maryland legal drinking age.
- (B) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A CLASS D BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT PRODUCES NOT MORE THAN 20,000 GALLONS IN A YEAR.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.