

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§8-405.2.

- (a) This section applies only in Dorchester County.
- (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a beer and wine sampling or tasting (BWST) license to a holder of a Class A license to hold tastings or samplings of beer or wine.

(2) A holder of a Class A beer license may use a BWST license to hold tastings or samplings of beer only.
- (c) (1) A BWST license authorizes sampling or tasting of alcoholic beverages only on the licensed premises of the holder of a Class A license.

(2) The alcoholic beverages shall be offered to consumers at no charge.
- (d) A person may consume alcoholic beverages covered by a BWST license in a quantity not exceeding:
 - (1) (i) 1 ounce from a single brand of wine; and
(ii) 4 ounces from all brands of wine in a single day; and
 - (2) (i) 3 ounces from a single brand of beer; and
(ii) 8 ounces from all brands of beer in a single day.
- (e) (1) An application for a BWST license shall be made on a form supplied by the Board of License Commissioners.

(2) A BWST license may be issued without a public hearing.

(3) If an initial application for a BWST license is denied:
 - (i) The applicant may resubmit the application; and
 - (ii) On request from the applicant, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the application before determining whether to issue the license.
(4) A renewal of a BWST license may be made at the time the holder's Class A license is renewed.
- (f) The fee for a BWST license is:
 - (1) \$150 for not more than 15 beer or wine tastings per year; or

(2) \$250 for not more than 30 beer or wine tastings per year.

(g) (1) The Board of License Commissioners may not require the publication of an application for a BWST license before issuing the license.

(2) The holder of a BWST license shall notify the Board in writing at least 7 days before the event at which the license is to be used.

(h) At the end of the day for which a BWST license is valid, the holder of the license shall properly dispose of alcoholic beverages that remain in a container opened for tasting or sampling.

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