HOUSE BILL 520

By: **Delegate Mautz** Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2016 Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Alcoholic Beverages – Auxiliary Winery Permit

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an auxiliary wine permit; authorizing the Comptroller to 4 issue the permit to a Class 4 limited winery for use at a location off the licensed $\mathbf{5}$ premises anywhere in the State; providing that there is no limit as to the number of 6 permits that may be issued to a single applicant; authorizing the holder of the permit 7 to exercise the privileges with certain exceptions that are allowed at the premises for 8 which the holder's Class 4 license is issued; requiring that an agent who is certified 9 by an approved alcohol awareness program be present while a permit holder sells or provides samples of wine; specifying that a holder of a Class 4 license may be issued 1011 a certain number of permits; requiring an applicant for a permit to submit a certain 12application to the Comptroller; providing for an annual permit fee; and generally 13 relating to alcoholic beverages permits issued by the Comptroller.

- 14 BY adding to
- 15 Article Alcoholic Beverages
- 16 Section 2–132.1
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- (As enacted by Chapter (S.B.)(6LR1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly
 of 2016)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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Article – Alcoholic Beverages

- 23 **2–132.1.**
- 24 (A) THERE IS AN AUXILIARY WINERY PERMIT.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (B) (1) THE COMPTROLLER MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A CLASS 4 2 LIMITED WINERY FOR USE AT A LOCATION OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ANYWHERE 3 IN THE STATE.

4 (2) THERE IS NO LIMIT AS TO THE NUMBER OF PERMITS THAT MAY BE 5 ISSUED TO A SINGLE APPLICANT.

6 (C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, 7 THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO EXERCISE ALL OF THE PRIVILEGES 8 ALLOWED AT THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE HOLDER'S CLASS 4 LICENSE IS ISSUED.

9 (2) THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT FERMENT AND BOTTLE WINE OR 10 DISTILL AND BOTTLE POMACE BRANDY AT THE LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THE 11 PERMIT.

12 (D) WHILE SELLING OR PROVIDING SAMPLES OF WINE, A PERMIT HOLDER 13 SHALL HAVE AN AGENT PRESENT WHO IS CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL 14 AWARENESS PROGRAM.

15 (E) A HOLDER OF A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED 16 ONLY ONE AUXILIARY WINERY PERMIT.

17 **(F) AN APPLICANT SHALL:**

18(1)SUBMIT TO THE COMPTROLLER A COMPLETED APPLICATION ON A19FORM THAT THE COMPTROLLER PROVIDES; AND

20 (2) PAY AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$250 FOR THE PERMIT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 1, 2016.