

SENATE BILL 746

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By: **Senators Ready, Bates, and Hough**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting
4 license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; authorizing the license holder
5 and the holder of a solicitor's permit to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and
6 liquor for tasting by certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring the
7 Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to
8 certain individuals and the number of bottles of beer or wine or other containers of
9 beer from which a certain quantity is served; specifying the quantity of liquor an
10 individual may consume at a liquor tasting; specifying the time the license is valid;
11 specifying a certain license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in
12 Carroll County.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 16–308.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. ____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly
18 of 2016)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

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 **16-308.1.**

2 (A) **THERE IS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (BWL) TASTING LICENSE.**

3 (B) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A BEER, WINE,**
4 **AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE.**

5 (C) **THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER AND THE HOLDER OF**
6 **A SOLICITOR'S PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
7 **FOR TASTING BY A CUSTOMER OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LICENSE HOLDER IF:**

8 (1) **THE LICENSE HOLDER IS AUTHORIZED TO SELL THE BEER, WINE,**
9 **AND LIQUOR; AND**

10 (2) **THE CUSTOMER OR THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT CHARGED FOR THE**
11 **BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR.**

12 (D) **THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:**

13 (1) **THE QUANTITY OF BEER SERVED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL;**

14 (2) **THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS OF BEER FROM**
15 **WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED;**

16 (3) **THE SIZE OF THE BEER BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS;**

17 (4) **THE QUANTITY OF WINE SERVED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL; AND**

18 (5) **THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OF WINE FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY**
19 **IS SERVED.**

20 (E) **AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONSUME LIQUOR AT A LIQUOR TASTING IN A**
21 **QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN:**

22 (1) **ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING OF LIQUOR; AND**

23 (2) **FIVE OFFERINGS IN 1 DAY.**

24 (F) **A LICENSE IS VALID DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

25 (G) **IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF A BWL LICENSE, THE ANNUAL LICENSE**
26 **FEE IS \$150.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.