

Chapter 301

(House Bill 837)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license in a certain portion of the 43rd legislative district of Baltimore City; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 12–1308
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

12–1308.

(a) This section applies in:

- (1) ward 27, precincts 42 and 44 of the 41st legislative district of the City;
- (2) ward 27, precincts 41 and 48 of the 43rd legislative district of the City;
- (3) **WARD 12, PRECINCT 3 OF THE 43RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY;**
- (4) ward 11, precinct 5 of the 44th legislative district of the City; and

[(4)] (5) [The] **THE** 3000 block of Frederick Avenue in ward 20, precinct 9 of the 44A legislative district of [Baltimore] **THE** City, based on the [legislative districting] **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING** Plan of 2012.

(b) There is a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on premises) tasting license.

(c) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license.

(d) The license authorizes the holder to allow on-premises consumption of beer, light wine, and liquor for tasting.

(e) The license may be issued as:

(1) a daily tasting license, that may be issued not more than 12 times to a single license holder in a license year;

(2) a 26-day or 52-day tasting license, each of which may be used consecutively or nonconsecutively; and

(3) a tasting license that may be used daily throughout the year.

(f) (1) An applicant shall apply for the license on a form that the Board provides.

(2) The form shall specify the date or dates on which the tasting is requested to occur.

(3) The application and payment for the daily license shall be submitted at least 7 days before the tasting event.

(4) The application and payment for the 26-day tasting license and the 52-day tasting license shall be made at least 7 days before the first proposed tasting event.

(5) The holder of a 26-day tasting license and the holder of a 52-day tasting license shall notify the Board, on a form that the Board approves, of additional tasting events authorized by the licenses.

(g) The license holder may exercise the privileges under the license during the hours and days provided for under the license holder's Class A license.

(h) An individual may consume beer, light wine, or liquor covered by the license in a quantity of not more than:

(1) 1 ounce of light wine from an offering in a day;

(2) 3 ounces of beer from an offering in a day; and

(3) one-half ounce of liquor from an offering in a day.

(i) At the end of each day for which the license is valid, the license holder shall dispose of any alcoholic beverage that remains in a container opened for tasting.

(j) In addition to the Class A annual license fee, the license fee is:

- (1) \$20 for a daily tasting license;
- (2) \$200 annually for a 26–day tasting license;
- (3) \$300 annually for a 52–day tasting license; and
- (4) \$750 annually for a tasting license that may be used daily throughout the year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.