

SENATE BILL 923

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By: **Washington County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Sales at Winery Special Events**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited
4 winery license in Washington County to sell beer, light wine produced at the winery
5 or at another winery, and liquor for on–premises consumption at a special event that
6 is approved by the Board of License Commissioners; and generally relating to sales
7 of alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 31–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 31–401 and 31–701

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

20 Section 31–402.1

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 31-102.

2 This title applies only in Washington County.

3 31-401.

4 (a) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of
5 Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

6 (1) § 2-201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);

7 (2) § 2-202 (“Class 1 distillery license”);

8 (3) § 2-203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”);

9 (4) § 2-204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”);

10 (5) [§ 2-205 (“Class 3 winery license”);

11 (6) § 2-206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”);

12 (7)] § 2-207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);

13 [(8)] **(6)** § 2-210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”);

14 [(9)] **(7)** § 2-211 (“Residency requirement”);

15 [(10)] **(8)** § 2-212 (“Additional licenses”);

16 [(11)] **(9)** § 2-213 (“Additional fees”);

17 [(12)] **(10)** § 2-214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);

18 [(13)] **(11)** § 2-216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and
19 retailers”);

20 [(14)] **(12)** § 2-217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages — Prohibited
21 practices”); and

22 [(15)] **(13)** § 2-218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and
23 retailers — Prohibited”).

24 (b) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of
25 Division I of this article apply in the county:

1 **(1) § 2–205 (“CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE”)**, SUBJECT TO § 31–402.1 OF
2 THIS SUBTITLE;

3 **(2) § 2–206 (“CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE”)**, SUBJECT TO §
4 **31–402.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

5 **[(1)] (3)** § 2–208 (“Class 6 pub–brewery license”), subject to § 31–403 of
6 this subtitle;

7 **[(2)] (4)** § 2–209 (“Class 7 micro–brewery license”), subject to § 31–404 of
8 this subtitle; and

9 **[(3)] (5)** § 2–215 (“Beer sale on credit to retail dealer prohibited”), subject
10 to § 31–405 of this subtitle.

11 **31–402.1.**

12 **AT A SPECIAL EVENT SUCH AS A WEDDING RECEPTION THAT THE BOARD**
13 **APPROVES, A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE OR A CLASS 4 LIMITED**
14 **WINERY LICENSE MAY SELL FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, LIGHT WINE**
15 **PRODUCED AT THE WINERY OR AT ANOTHER WINERY, AND LIQUOR.**

16 31–701.

17 (a) There is a Class A light wine license in the county.

18 (b) The license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4
19 limited winery license.

20 (c) (1) The license authorized the license holder to sell at retail at the place
21 described in the license light wine produced at the winery.

22 (2) Light wine shall be sold in a sealed package or container that may not
23 be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises.

24 **(D) AT A SPECIAL EVENT SUCH AS A WEDDING RECEPTION THAT THE BOARD**
25 **APPROVES, THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION**
26 **BEER, LIGHT WINE PRODUCED AT THE WINERY OR AT ANOTHER WINERY, AND**
27 **LIQUOR.**

28 **[(d)] (E)** The annual license fee is \$50.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
30 1, 2017.