

Chapter 140

(House Bill 797)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Thresholds for Tasting

Ho. Co. 19–17

FOR the purpose of altering certain thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a holder of a beer and wine tasting license in Howard County may serve for on–premises consumption; altering certain thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Howard County may serve for on–premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 23–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 23–1307 and 23–1308
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

23–102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

23–1307.

- (a) There is a beer and wine tasting (BWT) license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license or Class A beer and wine (BW) license.
- (c) The license authorizes the holder to allow the on–premises consumption, for tasting, of:

- (1) beer; or
- (2) wine containing not more than 15.5% of alcohol by volume.

(d) A license holder may serve:

(1) wine in a quantity of not more than [1 ounce] **2 OUNCES** from each offering and not more than [4] **8** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day; or

(2) beer in a quantity of not more than [3] **6** ounces from each offering and not more than [8] **16** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day.

(e) In addition to the fee of any other alcoholic beverages license, the annual license fee is \$100.

23–1308.

(a) There is a beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWL) license.

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

(c) The license authorizes the holder to allow the on–premises consumption, for tasting, of:

- (1) beer;
- (2) wine containing not more than 15.5% of alcohol by volume; or
- (3) liquor.

(d) A license holder may serve:

(1) wine in a quantity of not more than [1 ounce] **2 OUNCES** from each offering and not more than [4] **8** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day;

(2) beer in a quantity of not more than [3] **6** ounces from each offering and not more than [8] **16** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day; or

(3) liquor in a quantity of not more than [1/4] **1/2** ounce from each offering and not more than [1 ounce] **2 OUNCES** from all offerings to an individual in a day.

(e) In addition to any other alcoholic beverages license fee, the annual license fee is \$100.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 11, 2017.