

Chapter 300

(House Bill 896)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Class 6 Limited Wine Wholesaler’s License – Production Amounts and Sales

FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of wine that a holder of a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler’s license may produce annually; ~~limiting the amount of wine that a certain license holder may sell and deliver to the holder of a retail license or permit that is authorized to acquire the wine;~~ authorizing a certain license holder to sell its wine to a holder of a wholesaler’s license; ~~requiring a certain license holder to sell the amount of wine that exceeds a certain amount to a holder of a wholesaler’s license;~~ and generally relating to Class 6 limited wine wholesaler’s licenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2–307
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

2–307.

(a) There is a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler’s license.

(b) The license may be issued only to a wine manufacturer that:

(1) holds a Class 4 limited winery license; and

(2) produces not more than [27,500] ~~150,000~~ **35,000** gallons of its own wine annually.

(c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell and deliver ~~NOT MORE THAN 27,500 GALLONS OF~~ its own brand of wine produced ~~[at the license holder’s premises] BY THE LICENSE HOLDER~~ to:

(i) a holder of a retail license that is authorized to acquire the wine;

and

(ii) a holder of a permit that is authorized to acquire the wine.

(2) ~~(H)~~ The license holder may [not] sell its wine to a holder of a wholesaler's license.

~~(H) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER PRODUCES MORE THAN 27,500 GALLONS OF WINE IN A YEAR, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL SELL THE AMOUNT OF WINE THAT EXCEEDS 27,500 GALLONS TO A HOLDER OF A WHOLESALER'S LICENSE.~~

(d) The annual license fee is \$50.

(e) The license holder may use an additional location for the warehousing, sale, and delivery of wine:

(1) if approved by the Comptroller following submission of a separate application for each location; and

(2) on the payment of a \$50 fee for each additional location.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.