

Chapter 609

(House Bill 789)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wineries – Special Event Permits

FOR the purpose of establishing a special event permit in Washington County; authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in the county to sell beer, wine produced by the holder, certain sparkling wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at certain events under the permit; requiring a license holder to purchase certain alcoholic beverages from a licensed retailer; requiring ~~the permit~~ a license holder to keep certain receipts for a certain period of time; requiring ~~the permit~~ a license holder to notify the Board of License Commissioners for Washington County on or before a certain time before using the permit; establishing a certain limit on the number of times the permit may be used; establishing an annual permit fee; making conforming changes; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31-401
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 31-402.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

31-102.

This title applies only in Washington County.

31-401.

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

- (1) § 2-201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);
- (2) § 2-202 (“Class 1 distillery license”);
- (3) § 2-203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”);
- (4) § 2-204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”);
- (5) [§ 2-205 (“Class 3 winery license”);
- (6) § 2-206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”);
- (7)] § 2-207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);
- [(8)] **(6)** § 2-210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”);
- [(9)] **(7)** § 2-211 (“Residency requirement”);
- [(10)] **(8)** § 2-212 (“Additional licenses”);
- [(11)] **(9)** § 2-213 (“Additional fees”);
- [(12)] **(10)** § 2-214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);
- [(13)] **(11)** § 2-216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and retailers”);
- [(14)] **(12)** § 2-217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages — Prohibited practices”); and
- [(15)] **(13)** § 2-218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and retailers — Prohibited”).

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

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

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

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

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

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

31-402.1.

(A) THERE IS A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE OR A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.

(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, WINE PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER, SPARKLING WINE THAT IS NATURALLY OR ARTIFICIALLY CARBONATED, AND LIQUOR AT AN EVENT FOR WHICH THE ENTIRE LICENSED PREMISES HAS BEEN RENTED.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL PURCHASE BEER, SPARKLING WINE THAT IS NATURALLY OR ARTIFICIALLY CARBONATED, OR LIQUOR INTENDED FOR SALE UNDER THE PERMIT FROM A LICENSED RETAILER.

(E) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP ALL RECEIPTS OF PURCHASE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF PURCHASE.

~~(E)~~ (F) THE LICENSE HOLDER THAT INTENDS TO USE THE PERMIT SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT IS TO OCCUR.

~~(F)~~ (G) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY USE THE PERMIT NOT MORE THAN ~~60~~ 32 TIMES IN A YEAR.

~~(G)~~ (H) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$1,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.