HOUSE BILL 663

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By: Delegate Ebersole

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024 Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2	Alcoholic Beverage Tax - Ready-to-Drink Co	cktails
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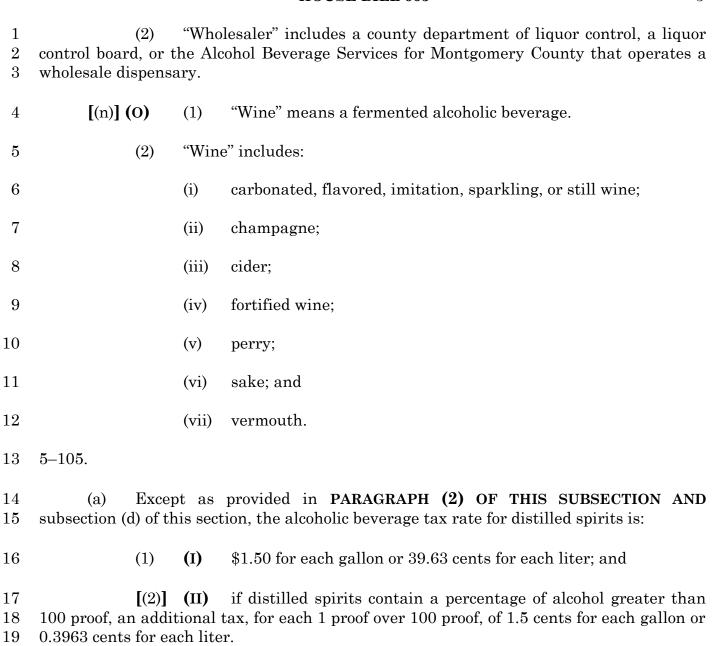
- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the alcoholic beverage tax rates for ready-to-drink
- 4 cocktails; and generally relating to alcoholic beverage taxes.
- 5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 6 Article Tax General
- 7 Section 5-101(a) and (g)
- 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 10 BY adding to
- 11 Article Tax General
- 12 Section 5–101(k)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article Tax General
- 17 Section 5–101(k) through (n) and 5–105
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Tax General
- 23 5–101.
- 24 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1	(g)	(1)	"Distilled spirits" means a distilled alcoholic beverage.				
2		(2)	"Disti	lled spirits" includes:			
3			(i)	alcohol;			
4			(ii)	brandy;			
5			(iii)	cordials;			
6			(iv)	gin;			
7			(v)	liqueur;			
8			(vi)	rum;			
9			(vii)	vodka;			
0			(viii)	whiskey; and			
1			(ix)	solutions or mixtures of distilled spirits except fortified wines.			
2	(K)	"REA	DY-TO	D-DRINK COCKTAIL" MEANS A BEVERAGE THAT:			
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15		(2)	IS 12	% OR LESS ALCOHOL BY VOLUME; AND			
16 17	METALLIC	(3) CONTA		ONTAINED IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING CONSISTING OF A OR CAN THAT IS NOT MORE THAN 12 OUNCES.			
L8 L9							
20 21	[(l)] (1) for sale to a		(1) mer.	"Retail dealer" means a person who buys an alcoholic beverage			
22 23 24	control boar dispensary.	(2) ed, or t		il dealer" includes a county department of liquor control, a liquor ohol Beverage Services for Montgomery County that operates a			
25 26	[(m)] beverage for	` ,	(1) o anotl	"Wholesaler" means a person who buys or imports an alcoholic ner person for resale.			



- 20 (2) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX RATE FOR READY-TO-DRINK COCKTAILS IS 40 CENTS FOR EACH GALLON OR 10.57 CENTS FOR EACH LITER.
- 22 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the alcoholic beverage tax 23 rate for wine is 40 cents for each gallon or 10.57 cents for each liter.
- 24 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the alcoholic beverage tax 25 rate on beer and mead is 9 cents for each gallon or 2.3778 cents for each liter.
- 26 (d) The tax imposed under § 5–102(b) of this subtitle shall equal the amount that 27 the discriminating jurisdiction charges a Maryland licensee or permit holder.

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

1 1, 2024.