

# HOUSE BILL 651

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting**  
3 **Permit**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit in St. Mary's  
5 County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
8 Section 28–102  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
13 Section 28–1308  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

19 28–102.

20 This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

21 **28–1308.**

22 **(A) THERE IS A BWLT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING PERMIT.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A**  
2 **LICENSE.**

3           **(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISES**  
4 **CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR TASTING PURPOSES ONLY.**

5           **(D) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS A LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR AND THE BOARD**  
6 **MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR A MAXIMUM OF:**

7                   **(1) ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD;**

8                   **(2) ANY 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD; OR**

9                   **(3) 365 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD.**

10           **(E) A PERMIT HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THE HOLDER'S**  
11 **INTENT TO HAVE A TASTING AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT IF THE PERMIT IS**  
12 **EFFECTIVE FOR ANY:**

13                   **(1) 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD; OR**

14                   **(2) 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD.**

15           **(F) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONSUME BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR COVERED BY**  
16 **THE LICENSE IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:**

17                   **(1) 0.5 OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING AND 1.5 OUNCES FROM ALL**  
18 **OFFERINGS OF LIQUOR IN A DAY;**

19                   **(2) 1 OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING AND 4 OUNCES FROM ALL**  
20 **OFFERINGS OF WINE IN A DAY; AND**

21                   **(3) 2 OUNCES FROM EACH OFFERING AND 8 OUNCES FROM ALL**  
22 **OFFERINGS OF BEER IN A DAY.**

23           **(G) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, OR**  
24 **LIQUOR ONLY ON THE LICENSED PREMISES OF THE HOLDER.**

25           **(H) THE PERMIT FEES ARE:**

26                   **(1) FOR A PERMIT THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 26 DAYS IN A**  
27 **LICENSING PERIOD, \$200;**

1                   **(2) FOR A PERMIT THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 52 DAYS IN A**  
2 **LICENSING PERIOD, \$250; AND**

3                   **(3) FOR A PERMIT THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR 365 DAYS IN A LICENSING**  
4 **PERIOD, \$300.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2024.