
By: Washington County Delegation

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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(Wine Tasting License)**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a wine tasting alcoholic beverages license in Washington
5 County; providing for the fees and limitations of the license; authorizing the Board
6 to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in
7 Washington County.

8 BY adding to
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 8-409
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 8-409.

17 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

18 (B) A SPECIAL WINE TASTING LICENSE (WTL) MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A
19 HOLDER OF A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

20 ~~(B)~~ (C) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$200, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL
21 LICENSE FEE OF A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

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1 ~~(C)~~ (D) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL
2 WINE TASTING LICENSE (WTL) TO PERMIT ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF WINE
3 FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY. ~~CONSIDERATION MAY NOT BE~~
4 ~~CHARGED OR EXACTED.~~

5 (E) THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL WINE TASTING LICENSE MAY NOT CHARGE
6 FOR THE WINE TASTING OR SAMPLING.

7 ~~(D)~~ (F) THE LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE FOR USE NO MORE THAN 12 DAYS IN A
8 LICENSING YEAR. THE LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING AT LEAST
9 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SCHEDULED TASTING DATE.

10 ~~(E)~~ (G) SERVINGS ARE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 2 OUNCES OF ANY ONE
11 WINE TO ANY ONE CUSTOMER.

12 ~~(F)~~ (H) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
13 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 1996.