

HOUSE BILL 343

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting License**  
3                           **Ho. Co. 13-98**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners  
5     to issue wine tasting licenses; establishing terms and conditions for the wine  
6     tasting licenses; creating a certain exception to a certain prohibition against  
7     holding an interest in more than one alcoholic beverages license; providing for  
8     the termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses  
9     in Howard County.

10 BY adding to  
11     Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
12     Section 8-408.1  
13     Annotated Code of Maryland  
14     (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16     Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
17     Section 9-301(4)  
18     Annotated Code of Maryland  
19     (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

22                           **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

23 8-408.1.

24     (A)     (1)     IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY  
25 ISSUE A WINE TASTING (WT) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

1           (2)     THE WT LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF  
2 WINE, CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 14% OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, FOR TASTING OR  
3 SAMPLING ONLY.

4           (3)     NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE LICENSE  
5 MAY BE ISSUED TO HOLDERS OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE  
6 OR A CLASS A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE.

7           (4)     THE LICENSEE MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH  
8 GIVEN BRAND TO ANY ONE PERSON AND NO MORE THAN 4 OUNCES TO ANY ONE  
9 PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.

10          (5)     THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE FOR THE WT LICENSE SHALL BE \$100 IN  
11 ADDITION TO THE FEE OF ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

12    (B)     THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT  
13 RULES OR REGULATIONS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT  
14 THIS SECTION.

15 9-301.

16     In the enumerated subdivisions below, a person, partnership, firm or  
17 corporation, except by way of renewal, may not have an interest in more than one  
18 license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by stock  
19 ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other  
20 manner, directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this section to prohibit any person,  
21 firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in  
22 more than one license.

23           (4)     In Howard County:

24                   (i)     1.     Except for renewals, a person, partnership, firm, or  
25 corporation may not have an interest in more than one alcoholic beverages license in  
26 Howard County whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by stock  
27 ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other  
28 manner, directly or indirectly; and

29                   2.     Except for renewals, it is the intention of this paragraph to  
30 prohibit any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from having any interest,  
31 directly or indirectly, in more than one license.

32                   (ii)    The prohibitions in this subsection do not apply to the number  
33 of licenses authorized under § 8-408.1 OR § 9-102(o) of this article.

34     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
35 effect October 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and at the end  
36 of September 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
37 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.