
By: **Howard County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

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:

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 8-408.1.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (B) THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ADOPT
17 RULES OR REGULATIONS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT
18 THIS SECTION.

19 9-301.

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

27 (4) In Howard County:

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and at the end
3 of September 30, ~~2000~~ 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
4 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.