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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Tasting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners
4 to issue certain beer and wine tasting licenses; limiting the number of licenses
5 that can be issued annually; authorizing the Board to issue certain licenses to
6 certain licensees; requiring the Board to set a fee for a license; specifying certain
7 amounts of alcoholic beverages that a licensee may serve under a license;
8 requiring a licensee to dispose of certain unconsumed alcoholic beverages;
9 making certain provisions of law not applicable to a licensee; setting certain
10 times that a licensee may use a license; and generally relating to beer and wine
11 tasting in Baltimore City.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 8-403
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 8-403.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

24 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

25 8-403.

26 (a) The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue a WS (wine
27 sampling) license to bona fide nonprofit organizations.

1 (b) The fee for this license is \$15 per day.

2 (c) The Board of License Commissioners may not grant more than 12 WS
3 licenses to any 1 bona fide nonprofit organization in each license year.

4 (d) Application shall be made for this license at least 15 days before the date
5 on which the license is issued.

6 (e) The WS license permits the transportation of wine and the consumption of
7 wine for sampling purposes:

8 (1) On a Class B or Class B-D-7 licensed premises with the
9 authorization of the respective holder; or

10 (2) On a premises that is not permanently licensed under this article.

11 (f) A holder may not serve more than 2 ounces of wine from a given brand to
12 any one person.

13 8-403.1.

14 (A) THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A
15 1-DAY CLASS BWT BEER AND WINE (ON-PREMISES) TASTING LICENSE.

16 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A MAXIMUM OF 12 CLASS BWT LICENSES PER
17 YEAR.

18 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A CLASS BWT LICENSE ONLY TO A CLASS A BEER
19 AND LIGHT WINE LICENSEE OR A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSEE.

20 (D) (1) THE BOARD SHALL SET A FEE FOR A CLASS BWT LICENSE.

21 (2) THE FEE FOR A CLASS BWT LICENSE IS IN ADDITION TO THE CLASS A
22 LICENSE ANNUAL FEE.

23 (E) A HOLDER OF A CLASS BWT LICENSE MAY PERMIT ON-PREMISES
24 CONSUMPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR TASTING OR
25 SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY:

26 (1) LIGHT WINE, SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN 1 OUNCE
27 FROM A GIVEN BRAND TO ANY ONE PERSON; AND

28 (2) BEER, SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN 3 OUNCES FROM
29 A GIVEN BRAND TO ANY ONE PERSON.

30 (F) AT THE END OF THE DAY FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS VALID, A HOLDER OF A
31 CLASS BWT LICENSE SHALL DISPOSE OF UNCONSUMED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
32 REMAINING IN A CONTAINER OPENED FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING.

33 (G) A CLASS BWT LICENSEE IS NOT RESTRICTED BY:

1 (1) § 12-107(B) OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

2 (2) § 9-102 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 (H) A CLASS BWT LICENSEE MAY EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES UNDER THE
4 CLASS BWT LICENSE ONLY DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS PROVIDED FOR UNDER
5 THE RESPECTIVE CLASS A LICENSE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1998.