
By: **Delegate Brinkley**
Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2000
Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Light Wine Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing by a certain amount the maximum percent of alcohol
4 by volume allowed in light wines in Frederick County; authorizing a Class A
5 light wine licensee in Frederick County to keep for sale and sell certain alcoholic
6 beverages; and generally relating to Class A light wine licenses in Frederick
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 4-101(a) and 4-201(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 4-101(l) and 4-201(d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 4-101.

22 (a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented
23 beverage that contains not in excess of 14 percent of alcohol by volume unless another
24 percentage is listed.

25 (l) Frederick County -- 21 PERCENT.

1 4-201.

2 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

- 3 (1) Baltimore County;
- 4 (2) Carroll County;
- 5 (3) Dorchester County;
- 6 (4) Frederick County;
- 7 (5) Garrett County;
- 8 (6) Harford County;
- 9 (7) Montgomery County;
- 10 (8) Somerset County;
- 11 (9) Talbot County; and
- 12 (10) Washington County.

13 (d) (1) The license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell light
14 wines produced at the winery in any quantity to any consumer at retail at the place
15 described in the license. The light wine shall be delivered in a sealed package or
16 container which may not be opened or the contents consumed on the licensed
17 premises.

18 (2) In Montgomery County the licensee may not make more than 20,000
19 gallons of on-premises sales per year.

20 (3) IN FREDERICK COUNTY THE LICENSEE MAY KEEP FOR SALE AND
21 SELL LIGHT WINES AND PORTS THAT CONTAIN NOT IN EXCESS OF 21 PERCENT OF
22 ALCOHOL BY VOLUME PRODUCED AT THE WINERY IN ANY QUANTITY TO ANY
23 CONSUMER AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2000.