
By: **Delegate Brinkley**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County and Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Light Wine**
3 **Licenses**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section ~~4-101(a)~~ and 4-201(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section ~~4-101(f)~~ and 4-201(d)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages2 ~~4-101.~~

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

6 (4) ~~Frederick County— 21 PERCENT.~~

7 4-201.

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

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

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

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

26 (3) IN FREDERICK COUNTY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE LICENSEE
 27 MAY KEEP FOR SALE AND SELL LIGHT WINES AND PORTS THAT CONTAIN NOT IN
 28 EXCESS OF 21 PERCENT OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME PRODUCED AT THE WINERY IN ANY
 29 QUANTITY TO ANY CONSUMER AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE
 30 LICENSE.

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

