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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Wicomico County a wine tasting (WT) permit;
4 specifying certain persons to be eligible to be issued a WT permit; establishing a
5 certain permit fee; creating certain procedures for the application, renewal, and
6 the granting or denial of a WT permit; establishing a notice requirement;
7 restricting in certain ways the amount of wine that may be served and bottles
8 that may be opened at a wine tasting or sampling event; and generally relating
9 to wine tasting or sampling in Wicomico County.

10 BY adding to
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 8-412
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18 8-412.

19 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

20 (B) (1) A WINE TASTING (WT) PERMIT MAY ONLY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER
21 OF A CLASS A BEER AND WINE (OFF-SALE) LICENSE.

1 (2) A WT PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED ONLY FOR ON-PREMISES
2 CONSUMPTION.

3 (C) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$150.

4 (D) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A WT PERMIT SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM
5 THAT THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR WICOMICO COUNTY PROVIDES.

6 (2) A RENEWAL OF A WT PERMIT MAY BE MADE AT THE TIME THE CLASS
7 A BEER AND WINE (OFF-SALE) LICENSE IS RENEWED.

8 (3) WITHOUT A HEARING, THE BOARD MAY APPROVE OR DENY AN
9 APPLICATION FOR A WT PERMIT.

10 (4) IF AN APPLICATION FOR A WT PERMIT IS DENIED, ON THE
11 APPLICANT'S REQUEST THE BOARD SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECONSIDER
12 THE APPLICATION.

13 (E) A WT PERMIT HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING AT LEAST 5
14 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE EACH WINE TASTING OR SAMPLING EVENT.

15 (F) (1) A WT PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT MIX THE CONTENTS OF ONE BOTTLE
16 WITH ANOTHER.

17 (2) ONCE OPENED, EACH BOTTLE USED FOR THE WINE TASTING OR
18 SAMPLING EVENT SHALL BE MARKED THAT IT IS TO BE USED ONLY FOR THAT
19 EVENT.

20 (3) A WT PERMIT HOLDER SHALL DESTROY EACH BOTTLE AFTER IT IS
21 EMPTY.

22 (G) A WT PERMIT HOLDER MAY NOT:

23 (1) SERVE TO ANY PERSON FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES MORE
24 THAN 2 OUNCES FROM EACH BRAND NOR MORE THAN SIX SAMPLES PER DAY;

25 (2) HAVE OPEN MORE THAN SIX BOTTLES OF WINE AT ONCE;

26 (3) HOLD WINE TASTING OR SAMPLING EVENTS ON MORE THAN 15 DAYS
27 DURING EACH PERMIT PERIOD; AND

28 (4) CONDUCT WINE TASTING OR SAMPLING FROM A DRIVE-THROUGH
29 WINDOW.

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

