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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting License**  
3                                   **Ho. Co. 1-01**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination provision relating to the  
5 authority of the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue wine  
6 tasting licenses under certain conditions; repealing a certain termination  
7 provision relating to the creation of a certain exception to a certain prohibition  
8 in Howard County against holding an interest in more than one alcoholic  
9 beverages license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in  
10 Howard County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 8-408.1 and 9-301(4)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Chapter 233 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998  
18 Section 2

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

21                                   **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 8-408.1.

23       (a)       (1)       In Howard County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a  
24 wine tasting (WT) alcoholic beverages license.

25               (2)       The WT license authorizes the on-premises consumption of wine,  
26 containing not more than 14% of alcohol by volume, for tasting or sampling only.

1 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the license may be  
2 issued to holders of a Class A beer, wine and liquor (BWL) license or a Class A beer  
3 and wine (BW) license.

4 (4) The licensee may not serve more than 1 ounce from each given brand  
5 to any one person and no more than 4 ounces to any one person in a single day.

6 (5) The annual license fee for the WT license shall be \$100 in addition to  
7 the fee of any other alcoholic beverages license.

8 (b) The Howard County Board of License Commissioners may adopt rules or  
9 regulations providing additional requirements to implement this section.

10 9-301.

11 In the enumerated subdivisions below, a person, partnership, firm or  
12 corporation, except by way of renewal, may not have an interest in more than one  
13 license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by stock  
14 ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other  
15 manner, directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this section to prohibit any person,  
16 firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in  
17 more than one license.

18 (4) In Howard County:

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

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

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

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### Chapter 233 of the Acts of 1998

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

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 June 1, 2001.