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By: **Senator Colburn**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Tasting and**
3 **Sampling**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing in Caroline County a Class BWTS license for beer
5 and wine tasting and sampling; establishing a certain fee; requiring recipients of
6 a Class BWTS license to hold a certain license; requiring that certain alcoholic
7 beverages be given to consumers at no charge; establishing certain limits for the
8 amount of alcoholic beverages that may be consumed; authorizing the Board of
9 License Commissioners not to publish an application for a Class BWTS license
10 before granting the license; establishing a certain limit for granting licenses to
11 one person in a calendar year; requiring that license holders dispose of
12 unconsumed alcoholic beverages in a certain way; and generally relating to
13 alcoholic beverages in Caroline County.

14 BY adding to
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 8-404.2
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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 8-404.2.

23 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CAROLINE COUNTY.

24 (B) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A 1-DAY CLASS
25 BWTS BEER AND WINE (ON-PREMISES) TASTING OR SAMPLING LICENSE.

26 (C) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A
27 CURRENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT QUALIFIES

1 FOR A SPECIAL CLASS C BEER OR CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE UNDER § 7-101(B)
2 OF THIS ARTICLE.

3 (D) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$50.

4 (E) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PERMIT THE
5 CONSUMPTION OF WINE OR BEER FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING, IF:

6 (1) THE HOLDER IS OTHERWISE LICENSED TO SELL THE ALCOHOLIC
7 BEVERAGES DISPENSED; AND

8 (2) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE GIVEN TO CONSUMERS AT NO
9 CHARGE.

10 (F) A PERSON MAY CONSUME WINE OR BEER COVERED BY A CLASS BWTS
11 LICENSE IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:

12 (1) 1 OUNCES FROM A SINGLE BRAND OF WINE, AND 4 OUNCES
13 FROM ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY; AND

14 (2) 3 OUNCES FROM A SINGLE BRAND OF BEER, AND 8 OUNCES
15 FROM ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY.

16 (G) ALL CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL OCCUR ON THE
17 LICENSED PREMISES OF THE HOLDER OF THE CLASS BWTS LICENSE.

18 (H) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS NEED NOT PUBLISH AN
19 APPLICATION FOR A CLASS BWTS LICENSE BEFORE GRANTING THE LICENSE.

20 (I) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO A PERSON MORE THAN
21 12 TIMES IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

22 (J) AT THE END OF THE DAY FOR WHICH A CLASS BWTS LICENSE IS VALID,
23 THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL DISPOSE OF UNCONSUMED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
24 REMAINING IN A CONTAINER OPENED FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2001.