
By: **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Wine, Beer, and Other Alcoholic Beverages - Tasting and**
3 **Sampling**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the provisions of certain wine, beer, and other alcoholic
5 beverages tasting and sampling laws in Harford County by allowing certain
6 licenses to be issued by the Harford County Liquor Control Board to certain
7 licensees in the county for certain periods of time; providing for the fees for the
8 licenses; repealing certain provisions made inconsistent by this Act; making
9 technical changes; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
10 relating to wine, beer, and other alcoholic beverages tasting and sampling
11 licenses in Harford County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 8-407
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

20 8-407.

21 (a) In Harford County, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (C)
22 AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, the Liquor Control Board may issue:

1 (1) A CWBT license to holders of a CLASS A1 BWL license; and

2 (2) A WBT license to holders of a CLASS A BW license.

3 (b) (1) The CWBT license permits the on-premises consumption of cordials,
4 wine, beer, and liquor for tasting or sampling purposes only.

5 (2) The WBT license permits the on-premises consumption OF WINE
6 AND BEER for tasting or sampling purposes only [of wine and beer].

7 [(c) Each of the respective tasting or sampling licenses under this section is
8 effective for a maximum of 52 days in any licensing period.]

9 (C) (1) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE, AND THE HOLDER OF A
10 BWL LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR, A CWBT LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR A
11 MAXIMUM OF:

12 (I) ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD;

13 (II) ANY 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD; OR

14 (III) 365 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD.

15 (2) THE FEES FOR A CWBT LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE:

16 (I) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 26 DAYS IN A
17 LICENSING PERIOD, \$125;

18 (II) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 52 DAYS IN A
19 LICENSING PERIOD, \$200; AND

20 (III) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR 365 DAYS IN A
21 LICENSING PERIOD, \$400.

22 (D) (1) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE, AND THE HOLDER OF A
23 BWL LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR, A WBT LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR A MAXIMUM
24 OF:

25 (I) ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD;

26 (II) ANY 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD; OR

27 (III) 365 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD.

28 (2) THE FEES FOR A WBT LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE:

29 (I) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 26 DAYS IN A
30 LICENSING PERIOD, \$100;

31 (II) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 52 DAYS IN A
32 LICENSING PERIOD, \$150; AND

1 (III) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR 365 DAYS IN A
2 LICENSING PERIOD, \$225.

3 [(d)] (E) [The] A licensee THAT IS ISSUED A CWBT OR A WBT LICENSE UNDER
4 THIS SECTION FOR ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD OR ANY 52 DAYS IN A
5 LICENSING PERIOD shall notify the Liquor Control Board at least 7 days prior to
6 exercising the provisions of the tasting or sampling license, of his intent to have a
7 tasting or sampling.

8 [(e)] (F) Tasting and sampling servings per person are limited to:

9 (1) 1 ounce of each given brand of beer or wine;

10 (2) One-half ounce of each given brand of cordial; and

11 (3) One-half ounce of each brand of any other alcoholic beverage.

12 [(f)] The cost of the CWBT license for holders of a BWL license is \$350 each
13 year in addition to the cost of the BWL license.

14 [(g)] The cost of the WBT license for holders of a BW license is \$100 each year in
15 addition to the cost of the BW license.]

16 [(h)] (G) The Liquor Control Board may adopt regulations providing
17 additional requirements to implement this subsection.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to the
19 alcoholic beverages licensing period in Harford County that begins on May 1, 2004
20 and to each licensing period thereafter.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2003.