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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; and generally relating to wine, beer, and other alcoholic  
10 beverages tasting and sampling licenses in Harford County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 8-407  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19 8-407.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (C) (1) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS A1 BWL LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR AND THE  
9 LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY ISSUE A CWBT LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR A  
10 MAXIMUM OF:

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

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

13 (III) 365 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (III) 365 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD.

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

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

30 (II) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 52 DAYS IN A  
31 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] THE LICENSEE'S  
7 intent to have a 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 take effect  
19 October 1, 2004.