

HOUSE BILL 548

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Economic Matters/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Washington County Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Special Wine Tasting License and Alcohol Awareness**  
3 **Program - ~~Certified Employees~~**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance of a special wine tasting license to certain  
5 alcoholic beverages license holders in Washington County; requiring in  
6 Washington County that certain persons be certified by an approved alcohol  
7 awareness program and be present during certain hours; providing for a certain  
8 limited exemption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licensees in  
9 Washington County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 8-411(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

1 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
 2 Section 8-411(b) and 13-101(c)  
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 4 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

7 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

8 8-411.

9 (a) This section applies only in Washington County.

10 (b) A special wine tasting license (WTL) may be issued only to a holder of a  
 11 Class A (off-sale) beer, wine and liquor license OR A CLASS B (ON-OFF SALE) BEER,  
 12 WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

13 13-101.

14 (c) (1) A holder of any class of retail alcoholic beverages license or an  
 15 employee designated by the holder shall complete training in an approved alcohol  
 16 awareness program. The training shall be valid for a period of 4 years, and the holder  
 17 shall complete retraining in an approved program for each successive 4-year period.

18 (2) (i) This paragraph applies only in the following jurisdictions:

- 19 1. Howard County;
- 20 2. Montgomery County; [and]
- 21 3. Kent County; AND
- 22 4. WASHINGTON COUNTY.

23 (ii) The licensee or a person who is employed in a supervisory  
 24 capacity designated by the licensee:

- 25 1. Shall be certified by an approved alcohol awareness  
 26 program; and
- 27 2. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (iii) of this  
 28 paragraph, be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.

29 (iii) 1. In Howard [County and] COUNTY, Kent County, AND  
 30 WASHINGTON COUNTY, the person certified by an approved alcohol awareness  
 31 program may be absent from the licensed premises for a bona fide personal or  
 32 business reason or an emergency, if the absence lasts for no more than 2 hours.

