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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Wine Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of adding Anne Arundel County to those counties that are
4 authorized to issue a Class A light wine license to holders of a Class 4
5 manufacturer's license; providing for the license fee, the authority the license
6 provides, and certain requirements as to the delivery of the wine; adding Anne
7 Arundel County to those counties that are authorized to issue a Class A light
8 wine license to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license that makes wine
9 from agricultural products grown in the State; and generally relating to Class A
10 wine licenses in Anne Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 4-201
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 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 4-201.

20 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

21 (1) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

- 1 [(1)] (2) Baltimore County;
- 2 [(2)] (3) Calvert County;
- 3 [(3)] (4) Carroll County;
- 4 [(4)] (5) Dorchester County;
- 5 [(5)] (6) Frederick County;
- 6 [(6)] (7) Garrett County;
- 7 [(7)] (8) Harford County;
- 8 [(8)] (9) Montgomery County;
- 9 [(9)] (10) Queen Anne's County;
- 10 [(10)] (11) St. Mary's County;
- 11 [(11)] (12) Somerset County;
- 12 [(12)] (13) Talbot County; and
- 13 [(13)] (14) Washington County.

- 14 (b) (1) The annual fee for this license is \$50.
- 15 (2) In Montgomery County the annual license fee is \$100.
- 16 (3) In Garrett County, the issuing fee for this license is \$50.

17 (c) A Class A light wine license may be issued by the license issuing authority
18 of the county in which the place of business is located to any holder of a Class 4
19 manufacturer's license.

20 (d) (1) The license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and to sell light
21 wines produced at the winery in any quantity to any consumer at retail at the place
22 described in the license. The light wine shall be delivered in a sealed package or
23 container which may not be opened or the contents consumed on the licensed
24 premises.

25 (2) In Montgomery County the licensee may not make more than 20,000
26 gallons of on-premises sales per year.

27 (3) In Frederick County and Baltimore County, the licensee may keep for
28 sale and sell light wines and ports that contain not in excess of 21 percent of alcohol
29 by volume produced at the winery in any quantity to any consumer at retail at the
30 place described in the license.

1 (4) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in
2 Harford County, the licensee may keep for sale and sell light wines and port wines
3 produced at the winery in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (ii) of this
4 paragraph.

5 (ii) The light wines and port wines under the provisions of
6 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph:

- 7 1. May not exceed 23 percent of alcohol by volume;
- 8 2. May be sold in any quantity to a consumer; and
- 9 3. Shall be sold at retail at the place described in the license.

10 (e) (1) This subsection applies only in the following counties:

11 (I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

12 [(i)] (II) Baltimore County;

13 [(ii)] (III) Frederick County;

14 [(iii)] (IV) Garrett County;

15 [(iv)] (V) Harford County;

16 [(v)] (VI) Somerset County;

17 [(vi)] (VII) Talbot County; and

18 [(vii)] (VIII) Washington County.

19 (2) A Class A light wine license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3
20 manufacturer's license, who makes wine from agricultural products grown in
21 Maryland.

22 (3) Baltimore County wineries applying for a Class A/Class 3 license are
23 exempt from quotas established by the Baltimore County Liquor Board as to the
24 number of licenses in that election district.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2005.

