
By: Cecil County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2005

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wineries**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Class A light wine licenses to be issued in Cecil
4 County; altering the maximum percentage of alcohol by volume allowed in light
5 wine for light wine licenses issued in Cecil County; exempting Cecil County
6 wineries applying for a certain license from certain quotas; and generally
7 relating to wineries in Cecil County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 4-101(a) and 4-201(b)(1) and (d)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 4-101(i) and 4-201(a)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
20 Section 4-201(e)(4)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 4-101.

3 (a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented
4 beverage that contains not in excess of 15.5 percent of alcohol by volume unless
5 another percentage is listed.

6 (i) Cecil County -- 22 PERCENT.

7 4-201.

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

9 (1) Baltimore County;

10 (2) Calvert County;

11 (3) Carroll County;

12 (4) CECIL COUNTY;

13 [(4)] (5) Dorchester County;

14 [(5)] (6) Frederick County;

15 [(6)] (7) Garrett County;

16 [(7)] (8) Harford County;

17 [(8)] (9) Montgomery County;

18 [(9)] (10) Queen Anne's County;

19 [(10)] (11) St. Mary's County;

20 [(11)] (12) Somerset County;

21 [(12)] (13) Talbot County; and

22 [(13)] (14) Washington County.

23 (b) (1) The annual fee for this license is \$50.

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

29 (e) (4) A WINERY IN CECIL COUNTY THAT APPLIES FOR A CLASS A/CLASS 3
30 LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY THE CECIL COUNTY

1 BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AS TO THE NUMBER OF LICENSES IN THE
2 ELECTION DISTRICT WHERE THE WINERY IS LOCATED.

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