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**By: Cecil County Senators**

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## CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Class A light wine licenses to be issued in Caroline  
 4 County and Cecil County; altering the maximum percentage of alcohol by  
 5 volume allowed in light wine for light wine licenses issued in Cecil County;  
 6 requiring in Caroline County that the Board of License Commissioners set a  
 7 certain fee with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners; exempting  
 8 Cecil County wineries applying for a certain license from certain quotas; and  
 9 generally relating to wineries in Caroline County and Cecil County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
 12 Section 4-101(a) and 4-201~~(b)(1)~~ and (d)(1)  
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
 17 Section 4-101(i) and 4-201(a), (b)(1), and (c)  
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 19 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
 21 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
 22 Section ~~4-201(e)(4)~~ 4-201(b)(4)  
 23 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

4 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

5 4-101.

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

9 (i) Cecil County -- 22 PERCENT.

10 4-201.

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

12 (1) Baltimore County;

13 (2) Calvert County;

14 (3) CAROLINE COUNTY;

15 ~~(3)~~ (4) Carroll County;

16 ~~(4)~~ (5) CECIL COUNTY;

17 [(4)] ~~(5)~~ (6) Dorchester County;

18 [(5)] ~~(6)~~ (7) Frederick County;

19 [(6)] ~~(7)~~ (8) Garrett County;

20 [(7)] ~~(8)~~ (9) Harford County;

21 [(8)] ~~(9)~~ (10) Montgomery County;

22 [(9)] ~~(10)~~ (11) Queen Anne's County;

23 [(10)] ~~(11)~~ (12) St. Mary's County;

24 [(11)] ~~(12)~~ (13) Somerset County;

25 [(12)] ~~(13)~~ (14) Talbot County; and

26 [(13)] ~~(14)~~ (15) Washington County.

27 (b) (1) The EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
28 annual fee for this license is \$50.

1           (4)     IN CAROLINE COUNTY, THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THIS LICENSE SHALL  
2 BE SET BY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE  
3 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

4       (c)     (1)     A Class A light wine license may be issued by the license issuing  
5 authority of the county in which the place of business is located to any holder of a  
6 Class 4 manufacturer's license.

7           (2)     A WINERY IN CECIL COUNTY THAT APPLIES FOR A CLASS A/CLASS 4  
8 LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY THE CECIL COUNTY  
9 BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AS TO THE NUMBER OF LICENSES IN THE  
10 ELECTION DISTRICT WHERE THE WINERY IS LOCATED.

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

16       ~~(e)     (4)     A WINERY IN CECIL COUNTY THAT APPLIES FOR A CLASS A/CLASS 3~~  
17 ~~LICENSE IS EXEMPT FROM ANY QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY THE CECIL COUNTY~~  
18 ~~BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AS TO THE NUMBER OF LICENSES IN THE~~  
19 ~~ELECTION DISTRICT WHERE THE WINERY IS LOCATED.~~

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