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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Tasting or**
3 **Sampling**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing in St. Mary's County a 1-day Class BWTS beer and
5 wine (on-premises) tasting or sampling license; specifying certain persons to
6 whom a license may be issued; providing for a license fee; authorizing the holder
7 of a license to allow the consumption of wine or beer under certain conditions;
8 establishing certain restrictions on consumption; limiting the number of licenses
9 the may be granted to a person in a calendar year; requiring the disposal of
10 unconsumed alcoholic beverages in a certain way; and generally relating to
11 Class BWTS beer and wine licenses in St. Mary's County.

12 BY adding to
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 8-410.2
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

20 8-410.2.

21 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

22 (B) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A 1-DAY CLASS
23 BWTS BEER AND WINE (ON-PREMISES) TASTING OR SAMPLING LICENSE.

24 (C) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A
25 CURRENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT QUALIFIES
26 FOR A SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, SPECIAL CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE, OR A
27 SPECIAL CLASS C BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 7-101(R) OF THIS
28 ARTICLE.

1 (D) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$50.

2 (E) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO ALLOW THE
3 CONSUMPTION OF WINE OR BEER FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING, IF THE ALCOHOLIC
4 BEVERAGES ARE GIVEN TO CONSUMERS AT NO CHARGE.

5 (F) A PERSON MAY CONSUME WINE OR BEER COVERED BY A CLASS BWTS
6 LICENSE IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:

7 (1) 1 OUNCE FROM A SINGLE BRAND OF WINE, AND 4 OUNCES FROM ALL
8 BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY; AND

9 (2) 3 OUNCES FROM A SINGLE BRAND OF BEER, AND 8 OUNCES FROM
10 ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY.

11 (G) ALL CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL OCCUR ON THE
12 LICENSED PREMISES OF THE HOLDER OF THE CLASS BWTS LICENSE.

13 (H) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS NEED NOT PUBLISH AN
14 APPLICATION FOR A CLASS BWTS LICENSE BEFORE GRANTING THE LICENSE.

15 (I) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO A PERSON MORE THAN
16 12 TIMES IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

17 (J) AT THE END OF THE DAY FOR WHICH A CLASS BWTS LICENSE IS VALID,
18 THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL DISPOSE OF UNCONSUMED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
19 REMAINING IN A CONTAINER OPENED FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING.

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