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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Sampling or**  
3 **Tasting License**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the wine tasting license issued in Frederick County to be  
5 a beer and wine sampling or tasting license; altering the annual fee of the  
6 license; setting a certain limit on the quantity of a given brand of beer an  
7 individual may consume at a beer and wine sampling or tasting event; repealing  
8 a certain restriction on the number of certain events that may be held in a  
9 licensing period; prohibiting sampling or tasting of beer to be conducted from a  
10 drive-through window; making certain technical changes; and generally  
11 relating to beer and wine sampling or tasting in Frederick County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 8-406  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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 8-406.

21 (a) This section applies only in Frederick County.

22 (b) A BEER AND wine SAMPLING OR tasting [(WT)] (BWST) license may only  
23 be issued to a holder of a Class A license.

24 (c) The annual license fee is [\$150] \$200.

25 (d) (1) Applications for a [WT] BWST license shall be made on forms  
26 supplied by the Board of License Commissioners.

1 (2) Renewals of the license may be made at the time the regular license  
2 is renewed.

3 (3) A license may be granted without a hearing.

4 (4) If application for a license is denied, the applicant may request a  
5 public hearing before the Board.

6 (e) (1) [A WT licensee may not serve to any person for sampling or tasting  
7 purposes more than one ounce from each brand.] A HOLDER OF A BWST LICENSE MAY  
8 ALLOW CONSUMPTION BY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL FOR SAMPLING OR TASTING  
9 PURPOSES OF:

10 (I) NOT MORE THAN 1 OUNCE OF A GIVEN BRAND OF LIGHT WINE;  
11 AND

12 (II) NOT MORE THAN 3 OUNCES OF A GIVEN BRAND OF BEER.

13 (2) A maximum of six bottles OF WINE may be opened at any one time.

14 [(2) A wine sampling or tasting event may not be held more than 15 days  
15 each licensing period.]

16 (3) The licensee shall notify the Board in writing at least 5 days prior to  
17 each event.

18 (4) Once opened, each bottle used for the BEER AND wine sampling or  
19 tasting event shall be marked that it is to be used for that purpose only.

20 (5) The contents of each bottle may not be mixed with any other bottle  
21 and all bottles shall be destroyed once they are empty.

22 (f) (1) A [WT] BWST license is for on-premises consumption only.

23 (2) [Wine sampling] SAMPLING or tasting OF BEER OR WINE may not be  
24 conducted from a drive-through window.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2006.