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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine and Liquor Tasting**
3 **License**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain license to create the Class BWLT beer, wine and
5 liquor tasting license in Baltimore County; providing that a Class BWLT license
6 may only be issued to a holder of a certain license; repealing a certain restriction
7 on the maximum number of licenses available each year; establishing a certain
8 license fee; specifying that a holder of a Class BWLT license authorizes a holder
9 to allow the on-premises consumption of certain alcoholic beverages for tasting
10 or sampling purposes; repealing a requirement to dispose of certain unconsumed
11 alcoholic beverages; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
12 the Class BWLT license in Baltimore County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
15 Section 8-404.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 8-404.1.

22 (a) In Baltimore County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a
23 1-day Class [BWT beer and wine] BWLT BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (on-premises)
24 tasting license.

25 [(b) The maximum number of licenses available each year is 12.

26 (c) (B) A Class [BWT] BWLT license may only be issued to a holder of a
27 [Class A beer and light wine license or a] Class A beer, wine and liquor license.

28 [(d) (C) (1) The fee for a Class [BWT] BWLT license is [\$10] \$150.

1 (2) The fee for a Class [BWT] BWLT license is in addition to the Class A
2 annual fee.

3 [(e)] (D) The Class [BWT] BWLT license authorizes a holder to [permit]
4 ALLOW the on-premises consumption of the following alcoholic beverages for tasting
5 or sampling purposes only:

6 (1) Light wine to be served in a quantity of not more than 1 ounce from
7 each given brand to any [1] ONE person; [and]

8 (2) Beer to be served in a quantity of not more than 3 ounces to any [1]
9 ONE person; AND

10 (3) LIQUOR AND DISTILLED SPIRITS IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN
11 1 OUNCE TO ANY ONE PERSON.

12 [(f)] At the end of the day for which the license is valid, a holder of a 1-day
13 Class BWT license shall dispose of any unconsumed alcoholic beverage remaining in
14 a container that was opened for tasting or sampling.

15 [(g)] (E) The provisions of this section are not restricted by:

16 (1) The provisions in § 12-107(b) of this article; and

17 (2) The provisions of law in § 9-102 of this article which prohibit the
18 issuance of [2] TWO licenses for the same premises.

19 [(h)] (F) The holder may exercise the privileges under the Class [BWT] BWLT
20 license only during the hours and days provided for under the respective Class A
21 license.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2006.