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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 altering~~ a certain  
 7 restriction on the maximum number of licenses available each year; ~~establishing~~  
 8 ~~a certain license fee~~; specifying that a holder of a Class BWLT license authorizes  
 9 a holder to allow the on-premises consumption of certain alcoholic beverages for  
 10 tasting or sampling purposes; repealing a requirement to dispose of certain  
 11 unconsumed alcoholic beverages; making certain stylistic changes; and  
 12 generally relating to 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:

1 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 8-404.1.

3 (a) In Baltimore County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a  
4 1-day Class [BWT beer and wine] BWLT BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (on-premises)  
5 tasting license.

6 ~~{b}~~ The maximum number of licenses available each year is ~~42~~ 50.

7 ~~{c}~~ ~~(B)~~ A Class [BWT] BWLT license may only be issued to a holder of a  
8 [Class A beer and light wine license or a] Class A beer, wine and liquor license.

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

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

12 ~~{e}~~ ~~(D)~~ The Class [BWT] BWLT license authorizes a holder to [permit]  
13 ALLOW the on-premises consumption of the following alcoholic beverages for tasting  
14 or sampling purposes only:

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

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

19 (3) LIQUOR AND DISTILLED SPIRITS IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN  
20 1 OUNCE TO ANY ONE PERSON.

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

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

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

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

28 [(h)] ~~(F)~~ (G) The holder may exercise the privileges under the Class [BWT]  
29 BWLT license only during the hours and days provided for under the respective Class  
30 A license.

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

