

# SENATE BILL 507

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By: **Senator Zirkin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Tasting**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing in Baltimore County the maximum number of Class  
4 BWT beer and wine (on-premises) tasting licenses that are available each year  
5 to a holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine and  
6 liquor license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in  
7 Baltimore County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 8–404.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 8–404.1.

17 (a) In Baltimore County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a  
18 1–day Class BWT beer and wine (on-premises) tasting license.

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

4                        (2)     The fee for a Class BWT license is in addition to the Class A  
5 annual fee.

6            [(e)] (D)     The Class BWT license authorizes a holder to permit the  
7 on-premises consumption of the following alcoholic beverages for tasting or sampling  
8 purposes only:

9                        (1)     Light wine to be served in a quantity of not more than 1 ounce  
10 from each given brand to any 1 person; and

11                       (2)     Beer to be served in a quantity of not more than 3 ounces to any 1  
12 person.

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

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

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

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

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

23            SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2007.