

HOUSE BILL 32

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverage Tax - Rates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the State tax rate for alcoholic beverages; providing for
4 the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverage tax
5 rates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Tax - General
8 Section 5-105
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Tax - General**

14 5-105.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the alcoholic beverage
16 tax rate for distilled spirits is:

17 (1) [~~\$1.50~~] **\$5.25** for each gallon or [~~39.63 cents~~] **\$1.39** for each liter;
18 and

19 (2) if distilled spirits contain a percentage of alcohol greater than 100
20 proof, an additional tax, for each 1 proof over 100 proof, of [~~1.5~~] **5.25** cents for each
21 gallon or [~~0.3963~~] **1.39** cents for each liter.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the alcoholic beverage
2 tax rate for wine is [40 cents] **\$1.40** for each gallon or [10.57] **37** cents for each liter.

3 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the alcoholic beverage
4 tax rate on beer is [9] **31.5** cents for each gallon or [2.3778] **8.3223** cents for each
5 liter.

6 (d) The tax imposed under § 5–102(b) of this subtitle shall equal the amount
7 that the discriminating jurisdiction charges a Maryland licensee or permit holder.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 January 1, 2008.