

HOUSE BILL 401

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2008

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wineries**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a winery in St. Mary's County that holds a Class
4 A/Class 4 license to operate a certain number of off-site retail locations for
5 certain purposes; and generally relating to wineries in St. Mary's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 4–201(a)(14)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 4–201(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 4–201.

20 (a) A Class A light wine license may be issued only in:

21 (14) St. Mary's County;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) A Class A light wine license may be issued by the license issuing
2 authority of the county in which the place of business is located to any holder of a
3 Class 4 manufacturer's license.

4 (2) A winery in Cecil County that applies for a Class A/Class 4 license
5 is exempt from any quotas established by the Cecil County Board of License
6 Commissioners as to the number of licenses in the election district where the winery is
7 located.

8 (3) A winery in Baltimore County that applies for a Class A/Class 4
9 license is exempt from any quotas established by the Baltimore County Board of
10 License Commissioners as to the number of licenses in the election district where the
11 winery is located.

12 **(4) A WINERY IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY THAT IS ISSUED A CLASS**
13 **A/CLASS 4 LICENSE MAY OPERATE NOT MORE THAN FIVE OFF-SITE RETAIL**
14 **LOCATIONS:**

15 **(I) FOR WINE SAMPLING; AND**

16 **(II) TO SELL WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON AND OFF THE**
17 **PREMISES.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 June 1, 2008.