Chapter 245

(Senate Bill 195)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Micro-Brewery Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Class 7 micro-brewery licensee in Wicomico County to sell beer at retail to customers for consumption off the licensed premises in refillable containers that are sealed by the licensee at the time of each refill; and generally relating to micro-brewery licensees in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 2–208(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 2–208(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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(a) There is a Class 7 micro–brewery (on– and off–sale) license.

(d) (1) The on-sale privilege authorizes the holder, each calendar year, to sell at retail up to 4,000 barrels of beer brewed under this license to customers for consumption on the licensed premises.

(2) The off-sale privilege authorizes the holder to sell and deliver beer brewed under this license to:

(i) Any wholesaler licensed under this article to sell beer in this State; or

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(ii) Any person who is located in a state other than Maryland who is authorized under the laws of that state to receive brewed beverages.

- (3) (i) This paragraph applies only in:
 - 1. Allegany County;
 - 2. The City of Annapolis;
 - 3. Anne Arundel County;
 - 4. Baltimore City;
 - 5. Baltimore County;
 - 6. Calvert County;
 - 7. Carroll County;
 - 8. Charles County;
 - 9. Dorchester County;
 - 10. Frederick County;
 - 11. Garrett County;
 - 12. Harford County;
 - 13. Howard County;
 - 14. Montgomery County;
 - 15. Prince George's County; [and]
 - 16. Talbot County; AND

17. WICOMICO COUNTY.

(ii) The holder may sell at retail beer brewed under this license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises in refillable containers that are sealed by the micro-brewery licensee at the time of each refill.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.