

Chapter 411

(House Bill 399)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Tasting License

FOR the purpose of establishing a beer tasting license in Washington County; authorizing the issuance of the license only to certain persons; specifying that the license allows the consumption of beer for tasting purposes only; requiring the Board of License Commissioners to regulate certain conditions under which a tasting may be held; specifying a license fee; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; making a certain technical change; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 9–102(a)
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

8–902.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(B) IN THIS SECTION, “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A BEER TASTING (BT) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

(D) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A OR CLASS B BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE OR A CLASS A OR CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE IN THE COUNTY.

(E) (1) THE BT LICENSE PERMITS THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER FOR TASTING PURPOSES ONLY.

(2) TO HOLD A BEER TASTING, A HOLDER OF THE BT LICENSE SHALL PROVIDE BEER TO CONSUMERS AT NO CHARGE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:

(1) THE QUANTITY OF BEER TO BE SERVED TO EACH PERSON;

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS OF BEER FROM WHICH THIS QUANTITY IS BEING SERVED; AND

(3) THE SIZE OF THE BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS.

(G) (1) THE ANNUAL BT LICENSE FEE IS \$100.

(2) THE FEE IS IN ADDITION TO THE BW LICENSE FEE OR THE BWL LICENSE FEE.

(H) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

9-102.

(a) No more than one license provided by this article, except by way of renewal or as otherwise provided in this section, shall be issued in any county or Baltimore City, to any person, or for the use of any partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company, in Baltimore City or any county of the State, and no more than one license shall be issued for the same premises except as provided in §§ 2-201 through 2-208, 2-301, and 6-701 of this article, and nothing herein shall be construed to apply to § 6-201(r)(4), (15), and (17), § 7-101(b) and (c), § 8-202(g)(2)(ii) and (iii), § 8-217(e), § 8-508, **§ 8-902**, or § 12-202 of this article.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.