

HOUSE BILL 279

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By: **Carroll County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2011

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Liquor Tasting**

3 FOR the purpose of creating a liquor tasting license in Carroll County; authorizing the
4 Board of License Commissioners for Carroll County to issue the liquor tasting
5 license only to holders of a certain alcoholic beverages license; specifying that
6 the liquor tasting license authorizes consumption of certain liquor for tasting or
7 sampling purposes only; requiring that the liquor be provided to consumers at
8 no charge; specifying certain limitations on the quantity of liquor that may be
9 consumed; providing an annual fee; specifying the term of a liquor tasting
10 license; authorizing the Board to adopt regulations; defining a certain term; and
11 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Carroll County.

12 BY adding to

13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 8–9A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9A. Liquor Tasting
15 Licenses”

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 **SUBTITLE 9A. LIQUOR TASTING LICENSES.**

22 **8–9A–01.**

23 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CARROLL COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE**
2 **COMMISSIONERS FOR CARROLL COUNTY.**

3 **(C) THE BOARD MAY APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR TASTING**
4 **LICENSE.**

5 **(D) THE LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO HOLDERS**
6 **OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

7 **(E) (1) THE LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE**
8 **CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR AUTHORIZED TO BE SOLD BY THE BEER, WINE AND**
9 **LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDER FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY.**

10 **(2) TO HOLD A LIQUOR TASTING, A HOLDER OF A LIQUOR**
11 **TASTING LICENSE SHALL PROVIDE LIQUOR TO CONSUMERS AT NO CHARGE.**

12 **(F) A PERSON MAY CONSUME LIQUOR AT A LIQUOR TASTING IN A**
13 **QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:**

14 **(1) ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM A SINGLE SAMPLE OF LIQUOR; AND**

15 **(2) FIVE SAMPLES IN A SINGLE DAY.**

16 **(G) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE IS \$100.**

17 **(H) A LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE IS VALID FOR NOT MORE THAN 52 DAYS**
18 **A YEAR AND MAY BE USED ON CONSECUTIVE OR NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

19 **(I) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
20 **SECTION.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 July 1, 2011.