

# HOUSE BILL 279

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By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **8-9A-01.**

2 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CARROLL COUNTY.

3 (B) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
4 COMMISSIONERS FOR CARROLL COUNTY.

5 (C) THE BOARD MAY APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR TASTING  
6 LICENSE.

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

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

12 (2) TO HOLD A LIQUOR TASTING, A HOLDER OF A LIQUOR  
13 TASTING LICENSE SHALL PROVIDE LIQUOR TO CONSUMERS AT NO CHARGE.

14 (F) A PERSON MAY CONSUME LIQUOR AT A LIQUOR TASTING IN A  
15 QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:

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

17 (2) FIVE SAMPLES IN A SINGLE DAY.

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

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

21 (I) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
22 SECTION.

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