

## **Chapter 329**

**(House Bill 279)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

### **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

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

**8–9A–01.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.**