

HOUSE BILL 306

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By: **Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Talbot County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wineries**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that limit the wine sampling
4 privileges of licensed wineries in Talbot County; clarifying that the statewide
5 wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries apply in Talbot County; and
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Talbot County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 2–204(1) and (2)(v) and 2–205(b)(1), (5)(ii), and (7)(i)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing
13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 8–410
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 2–204.

21 A Class 3 manufacturer’s license:

22 (1) Is a winery license; and

23 (2) Authorizes the holder to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (v) Serve at no charge not more than 6 ounces of wines made at
2 the licensed facility to a person who is participating in a guided tour of the facility,
3 provided the person has attained the Maryland legal drinking age.

4 2-205.

5 (b) (1) There is a Class 4 limited winery license.

6 (5) A licensee may:

7 (ii) In an amount not exceeding 2 fluid ounces per brand,
8 provide samples of wine and pomace brandy that the licensee produces to a consumer:

9 1. At no charge; or

10 2. For a fee; and

11 (7) Subject to paragraph (8) of this subsection, a licensee may conduct
12 the activities specified in paragraph (5) of this subsection:

13 (i) For consumption of wine and pomace brandy off the licensed
14 premises and for sampling, each day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and

15 [8-410.

16 (a) In Talbot County, the holder of a Class 3 or a Class 4 wine license may
17 provide samples of wine to persons visiting the licensed premises.

18 (b) The wine sampling privilege authorizes the holder to serve a maximum of
19 2 ounces of wine that is manufactured on the premises to each person for sampling
20 purposes.

21 (c) The wine sample shall be served and consumed on the premises where
22 the wine is manufactured.

23 (d) The holder may not charge for the sampling.]

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2012.