

SENATE BILL 354

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By: **Senators Jones–Rodwell, McFadden, and Pugh**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting**
3 **Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in certain
5 wards and precincts of certain legislative districts in Baltimore City to allow
6 holders of certain licenses to hold tastings daily throughout the year;
7 establishing a certain license fee; making certain technical changes; and
8 generally relating to beer, wine, and liquor tastings in certain wards and
9 precincts in Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
12 Section 8–403.2
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

18 8–403.2.

19 (a) This section applies only in:

20 (1) Ward 27, precincts 42 and 44 of the 41st Legislative District of
21 Baltimore City;

22 (2) Ward 27, precinct 41 of the 43rd Legislative District of Baltimore
23 City; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) Ward 11, precinct 5 of the 44th Legislative District of Baltimore
2 City.

3 (b) The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue
4 a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license to a holder of a
5 Class A beer, wine and liquor license.

6 (c) (1) The fees for a Class BWLT license are as follows:

7 (i) \$20 for a daily tasting license, which may be issued not more
8 than 12 times in any annual license year;

9 (ii) \$200 annually for a 26-day tasting license, which may be
10 used consecutively or nonconsecutively; [and]

11 (iii) \$300 annually for a 52-day tasting license, which may be
12 used consecutively or nonconsecutively; AND

13 **(IV) \$750 ANNUALLY FOR A TASTING LICENSE THAT MAY BE**
14 **USED DAILY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

15 (2) The fees for a Class BWLT license are in addition to the Class A
16 annual license fee.

17 (d) (1) A Class BWLT license authorizes the holder to allow the
18 on-premises consumption of beer, light wine, and liquor for tasting or sampling.

19 (2) A person may consume beer, light wine, or liquor covered by a
20 Class BWLT license in a quantity not exceeding:

21 (i) 1 ounce of light wine from a given brand in a single day;

22 (ii) 3 ounces of beer from a given brand in a single day; and

23 (iii) One-half ounce of liquor from a given brand in a single day.

24 (e) At the end of each day for which a Class BWLT license is valid, the holder
25 of the license shall dispose of any unconsumed alcoholic beverage remaining in a
26 container that was opened for tasting or sampling.

27 (f) (1) Each Class A license holder that seeks issuance of a Class BWLT
28 license for which the holder is eligible shall apply for the license on forms provided by
29 the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

30 (2) The forms provided by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners
31 for Baltimore City under paragraph (1) of this subsection **FOR LICENSES ISSUED**

1 UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(I) THROUGH (III) OF THIS SECTION shall specify the
2 date or dates on which the tasting is requested to occur.

3 (3) The application and payment for the daily license UNDER
4 SUBSECTION (C)(1)(I) OF THIS SECTION shall be submitted at least 7 days in
5 advance of the tasting event or 7 days in advance of the first day of consecutive day
6 tasting events.

7 (4) The application and payment for the 26-day tasting license and
8 the 52-day tasting license shall be made at least 7 days in advance of the first
9 proposed tasting event.

10 (5) The holder of a 26-day tasting license and a 52-day tasting license
11 shall notify the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, on forms
12 approved by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, of
13 additional tasting events authorized by the licenses.

14 (g) The provisions of this section are not restricted by:

15 (1) § 12-107(b) of this article; and

16 (2) The provisions in § 9-102 of this article that prohibit the issuance
17 of two licenses for the same premises.

18 (h) The holder of a Class BWLT license may exercise the privileges of this
19 section during the hours and days provided for under the holder's respective Class A
20 license.

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