

## Chapter 493

(Senate Bill 354)

AN ACT concerning

### **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – ~~Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting~~ Licenses**

FOR the purpose of establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in certain wards and precincts of certain legislative districts in Baltimore City to allow holders of certain licenses to hold tastings daily throughout the year; establishing a certain license fee; authorizing a Class B–D–7 license to be transferred from a certain location to another location in Baltimore City; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to beer, wine, and liquor tastings in certain wards and precincts and license transfers in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
 Section 8–403.2 and 9–204.1(e)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

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

8–403.2.

(a) This section applies only in:

- (1) Ward 27, precincts 42 and 44 of the 41st Legislative District of Baltimore City;
- (2) Ward 27, precinct 41 of the 43rd Legislative District of Baltimore City; and
- (3) Ward 11, precinct 5 of the 44th Legislative District of Baltimore City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The forms provided by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City under paragraph (1) of this subsection **FOR LICENSES ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(I) THROUGH (III) OF THIS SECTION** shall specify the date or dates on which the tasting is requested to occur.

(3) The application and payment for the daily license **UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(I) OF THIS SECTION** shall be submitted at least 7 days in

advance of the tasting event or 7 days in advance of the first day of consecutive day tasting events.

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

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

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

(1) § 12-107(b) of this article; and

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

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

9-204.1.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages of any class may not be transferred into the areas covered by this section.

(2) (I) A licensed drugstore may transfer the license into the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(II) ONE CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE ISSUED FOR A PROPERTY SURROUNDED BY WEST PRESTON STREET ON THE NORTH, MORTON STREET ON THE EAST, WEST BIDDLE STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND MARYLAND AVENUE ON THE WEST MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A PROPERTY SURROUNDED BY WEST EAGER STREET AND EAST EAGER STREET ON THE NORTH, LOVEGROVE STREET ON THE EAST, WEST READ STREET AND EAST READ STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND MORTON STREET ON THE WEST.

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.**