

Chapter 129

(House Bill 647)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Town of Kensington – Beer and Wine Sampling or Tasting

MC 9–13

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to a certain number of additional licenses to certain licensees for holding beer and wine tastings or samplings in the Town of Kensington; making the licenses subject to certain requirements; and generally relating to beer and wine tasting or sampling in the Town of Kensington.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8–216(a)(2)(v)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

8–216.

(a) (2) (v) 1. In the town of Kensington, the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may issue [not]:

A. NOT more than three Class A (off–sale) beer and light wine licenses for use in the commercial areas specified in subparagraph (iv)1 of this paragraph; **AND**

B. SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, NOT MORE THAN THREE BEER AND WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING (BWST) LICENSES FOR HOLDING TASTINGS OR SAMPLINGS OF BEER AND WINE.

2. A Class A beer and light wine license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell beer or light wine for consumption off the premises 7 days a week, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

- not:
3. A holder of a Class A beer and light wine license may
 - A. Sell single bottles or cans of beer;
 - B. Sell refrigerated products; or
 - C. On a side, door, or window of the building of the licensed premises, place a sign or other display that advertises alcoholic beverages in a publicly visible location.
 4. The annual license fee is \$250.

5. THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A BEER AND WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING (BWST) LICENSE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8-408.2 OF THIS TITLE TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH FOR HOLDING TASTINGS OR SAMPLINGS OF BEER AND WINE.

6. A BEER AND WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING (BWST) LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH IS SUBJECT TO THE FEE, SERVING LIMITS, AND OTHER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8-408.2 OF THIS TITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.