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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 619
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “- Organizational Licenses” and substitute “Act of 2014”; in line 6, after “purposes;” insert “altering a certain restriction on the number of bottles of wine that may remain open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event in the County; prohibiting a single individual at an event from consuming more than a certain amount of wine from all brands in a single day; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations;”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-406

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 6, after “LIQUOR” insert “FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES ONLY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 16, insert:

“8-406.

(a) This section applies only in Frederick County.

(b) A beer and wine sampling or tasting (BWST) license may only be issued to a holder of a Class A license.

(Over)

(c) The annual license fee is \$200.

(d) (1) Applications for a BWST license shall be made on forms supplied by the Board of License Commissioners.

(2) Renewals of the license may be made at the time the regular license is renewed.

(3) A license may be granted without a hearing.

(4) If application for a license is denied, the applicant may request a public hearing before the Board.

(e) (1) A holder of a BWST license may allow consumption by a single individual for sampling or tasting purposes of:

(i) Not more than 1 ounce of a given brand of light wine; and

(ii) Not more than 3 ounces of a given brand of beer.

[(2) A maximum of six bottles of wine may be opened at any one time.]

(2) THE BOTTLES OF WINE THAT MAY BE OPENED AT ANY ONE TIME AT A WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENT ARE:

(1) ALL OF THE BOTTLES IN A WINE PRESERVATION SYSTEM THAT THE BOARD APPROVES; AND

(II) NOT MORE THAN SIX OTHER BOTTLES OF WINE OPENED BY A HOLDER OF A SOLICITOR'S PERMIT, THE HOLDER OF THE BWST LICENSE, OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LICENSE HOLDER.

(3) A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT CONSUME MORE THAN 6 OUNCES OF WINE FROM ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY.

[(3)] (4) The licensee shall notify the Board in writing at least 5 days prior to each event.

[(4)] (5) Once opened, each bottle used for the beer and wine sampling or tasting event shall be marked that it is to be used for that purpose only.

[(5)] (6) The contents of each bottle may not be mixed with any other bottle and all bottles shall be destroyed once they are empty.

(f) (1) A BWST license is for on-premises consumption only.

(2) Sampling or tasting of beer or wine may not be conducted from a drive-through window.

(G) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION."