

HOUSE BILL 591

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Tasting Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Anne Arundel County a ~~BWST~~ BWLT beer, wine and
4 ~~spirits~~ liquor tasting (on-premises) license; specifying that the ~~BWST~~ BWLT
5 ~~license~~ and BWT licenses may be issued to certain persons; creating a license
6 fee schedule for a ~~BWST~~ BWLT license and altering the fee schedule for a BWT
7 beer and wine (on-premises) tasting license; specifying certain limitations on
8 the amount of alcoholic beverages that may be offered for on-premises
9 consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne
10 Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 8–402
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 8–402.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) This section applies only in Anne Arundel County.

2 (b) In this section, "Board" means the Anne Arundel County Board of License
3 Commissioners.

4 (c) There is a Class ~~BWST~~ BWLT ~~CORDIAL, BEER, AND WINE AND~~
5 LIQUOR (ON-PREMISES) TASTING LICENSE, A BWT beer and wine (on-premises)
6 tasting license, a WS wine sampling (on-premises) license, and a Class WT wine
7 tasting (on-premises) license.

8 (d) (1) (I) A CLASS ~~BWST~~ BWLT LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY
9 TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS ~~BWL~~ A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (~~ON-PREMISES~~)
10 (OFF-PREMISES) LICENSE.

11 (II) A Class BWT license may only be issued to a holder of a
12 Class ~~BWL~~ A beer, wine and liquor (~~on-premises~~) (OFF-PREMISES) license or a Class
13 ~~BW~~ A beer and wine (~~on-sale~~) (OFF-PREMISES) license.

14 (2) The annual fee for a Class BWT license is[:

15 (i) \$50 for a holder of a Class BWL license; and

16 (ii) \$50 for a holder of a Class BW license] **\$150.**

17 (3) **THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A CLASS ~~BWST~~ BWLT LICENSE IS**
18 **\$500.**

19 [(3)] (4) The annual fee for a Class ~~BWST~~ BWLT OR BWT license
20 is in addition to the Class ~~BWL~~ or ~~BW~~ A annual fee.

21 (5) A CLASS ~~BWST~~ BWLT LICENSE AUTHORIZES A HOLDER TO
22 PERMIT THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ALCOHOLIC
23 BEVERAGES FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY:

24 (I) LIQUOR TO BE SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE
25 THAN ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM EACH OF ANY OF FIVE BRANDS TO ANY ONE
26 PERSON PER DAY;

27 (II) LIGHT WINE TO BE SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT
28 MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH GIVEN BRAND TO ANY ONE PERSON; AND

29 (III) BEER TO BE SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE
30 THAN 3 OUNCES TO ANY ONE PERSON.

1 **[(4)] (6)** The Class BWT license authorizes a holder to permit the
2 on-premises consumption of the following alcoholic beverages for tasting or sampling
3 purposes only:

4 (i) Light wine to be served in a quantity of not more than 1
5 ounce from each given brand to any one person; and

6 (ii) Beer to be served in a quantity of not more than 3 ounces to
7 any one person.

8 (e) (1) The Board may issue a WS (wine sampling) license to bona fide
9 nonprofit organizations.

10 (2) The WS license authorizes the consumption of wine for tasting or
11 sampling purposes:

12 (i) On Class B beer and wine or beer, wine and liquor licensed
13 premises with the consent of the licensee; or

14 (ii) On premises without a permanent alcoholic beverages
15 license.

16 (3) The licensee may not serve more than 2 ounces from each brand to
17 any 1 person.

18 (4) The bona fide nonprofit organization:

19 (i) Shall apply for a WS license at least 15 days prior to the day
20 of issuance; and

21 (ii) May not be issued more than 12 WS licenses in any given
22 license year.

23 (5) The daily license fee is \$15.

24 (6) The WS licensee may bring wine onto Class B licensed premises for
25 sampling or tasting purposes only.

26 (f) (1) A Class WT wine tasting (on-premises) license may only be issued
27 to a holder of a Class BWL license or a holder of a Class BW license.

28 (2) A Class WT wine tasting (on-premises) license authorizes a holder
29 to permit the on-premises consumption for tasting or sampling purposes only of light
30 wine to be served in a quantity of not more than 1 ounce from each given brand to any
31 one person.

32 (3) The annual license fee is:

1 (i) \$150 for a holder of a Class BWL license; and

2 (ii) \$50 for a holder of a Class BW license.

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

4 (1) The provisions in subsection (b) of § 12–107 of this article; and

5 (2) The provisions of law under § 9–102 of this article prohibiting the
6 issuance of 2 licenses for the same premises.

7 (h) In the City of Annapolis, the Mayor and City Council may approve the
8 issuance of a BWT license or a WS license. The fees for the licenses shall be set by the
9 Mayor and City Council.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.