

Chapter 120

(House Bill 791)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

FOR the purpose of creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; authorizing the license holder and the holder of a solicitor’s permit to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting by certain individuals under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to certain individuals and the number of bottles of beer or wine or other containers of beer from which a certain quantity is served; specifying the quantity of liquor an individual may consume at a liquor tasting; specifying the time the license is valid; specifying a certain license fee; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Carroll County.

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 16–308.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ___ (S.B. ___)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

16–308.1.

(A) THERE IS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (BWL) TASTING LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER AND THE HOLDER OF A SOLICITOR’S PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR TASTING BY A CUSTOMER OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LICENSE HOLDER IF:

(1) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS AUTHORIZED TO SELL THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR; AND

(2) THE CUSTOMER OR THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT CHARGED FOR THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:

(1) THE QUANTITY OF BEER SERVED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL;

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS OF BEER FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED;

(3) THE SIZE OF THE BEER BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS;

(4) THE QUANTITY OF WINE SERVED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL; AND

(5) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OF WINE FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED.

(E) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONSUME LIQUOR AT A LIQUOR TASTING IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN:

(1) ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING OF LIQUOR; AND

(2) FIVE OFFERINGS IN 1 DAY.

(F) A LICENSE IS VALID DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

(G) IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF A BWL LICENSE, THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$150.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2016.