

# SENATE BILL 746

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By: **Senators Ready, Bates, and Hough**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 16–308.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_ (S.B. \_\_\_)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly  
18 of 2016)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 **16–308.1.**

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

10           **(D) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21                   **(2) FIVE OFFERINGS IN 1 DAY.**

22           **(F) A LICENSE IS VALID DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

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

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2016.