

Chapter 312

(House Bill 1201)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of establishing a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Cecil County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County to issue the beer, wine, and liquor tasting license to a certain license holder; authorizing the license holder to allow on–premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting; specifying the term of the license; requiring a license holder to provide certain notice before exercising certain privileges; specifying the amount of beer, wine, and liquor that an individual may sample at each offering; specifying certain license fees; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 17–102 and 17–1301
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 17–1306
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

17–102.

This title applies only in Cecil County.

17–1301.

Title 4, Subtitle 12 (“Temporary Licenses”) of Division I of this article applies in the county without exception or variation.

17–1306.

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

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

(C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO ALLOW ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR TASTING.

(2) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED FOR A MAXIMUM OF:

(I) ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD;

(II) ANY 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD; OR

(III) AN ENTIRE LICENSING PERIOD.

(3) IF A LICENSE HOLDER IS ISSUED A LICENSE FOR ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD OR ANY 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF THE LICENSE.

(D) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONSUME BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR COVERED BY THE LICENSE IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN:

(1) 1 OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING OF BEER OR WINE; AND

(2) ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING OF LIQUOR.

(E) IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF A CLASS A OR CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE, THE LICENSE FEE IS:

(1) \$125 FOR A 26-DAY LICENSE;

(2) \$200 FOR A 52-DAY LICENSE; AND

(3) \$400 FOR A 1-YEAR LICENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.