

Chapter 564

(Senate Bill 1102)

AN ACT concerning

Worcester County – Ocean City Convention Center – Beer and Wine Tasting License

FOR the purpose of establishing in Worcester County a 1–day beer and wine tasting license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue a license to an organization representing local governments in the State for a certain purpose; prohibiting the Board from issuing more than a certain number of licenses per year; providing that an organization may apply for not more than one license per year; authorizing the holder of a license to allow the on–premises consumption, for tasting, of beer or wine on the premises of the Ocean City Convention Center under certain circumstances; providing that the license holder may serve beer and wine only in certain quantities for each offering; requiring that a certain individual who serves beer and wine have a certificate of completion of a certain alcohol awareness program; requiring an organization to apply for a license at least a certain time before the license is issued; setting the fee for a license; and generally relating to a beer and wine tasting license in Worcester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 33–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 33–1305
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

33–102.

This title applies only in Worcester County.

33–1305.

(A) THERE IS A 1-DAY BEER AND WINE TASTING LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE NOT MORE THAN TWO LICENSES PER YEAR.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A LICENSE TO AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PROMOTING PRODUCTS AND BUSINESSES FROM ACROSS THE STATE.

(D) AN ORGANIZATION MAY APPLY FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE LICENSE PER YEAR.

(E) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO ALLOW THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, FOR TASTING, OF BEER OR WINE ON THE PREMISES OF THE OCEAN CITY CONVENTION CENTER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OCEAN CITY CONVENTION CENTER.

(F) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SERVE:

(1) WINE IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN 2 OUNCES FROM EACH OFFERING; OR

(2) BEER IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN 3 OUNCES FROM EACH OFFERING.

(G) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES BEER OR WINE SHALL HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF AN ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN § 4-505 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(H) AN ORGANIZATION SHALL APPLY FOR THE LICENSE AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE THE LICENSE IS ISSUED.

(I) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$100.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.