

HOUSE BILL 896

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By: **Delegate Barkley**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Class 6 Limited Wine Wholesaler’s License – Production**
3 **Amounts and Sales**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of wine that a holder of a Class 6 limited wine
5 wholesaler’s license may produce annually; ~~limiting the amount of wine that a~~
6 ~~certain license holder may sell and deliver to the holder of a retail license or permit~~
7 ~~that is authorized to acquire the wine;~~ authorizing a certain license holder to sell its
8 wine to a holder of a wholesaler’s license; ~~requiring a certain license holder to sell~~
9 ~~the amount of wine that exceeds a certain amount to a holder of a wholesaler’s~~
10 ~~license;~~ and generally relating to Class 6 limited wine wholesaler’s licenses.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 2–307
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 2–307.

20 (a) There is a Class 6 limited wine wholesaler’s license.

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 (b) The license may be issued only to a wine manufacturer that:

2 (1) holds a Class 4 limited winery license; and

3 (2) produces not more than [27,500] ~~150,000~~ 35,000 gallons of its own
4 wine annually.

5 (c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell and deliver ~~NOT MORE~~
6 ~~THAN 27,500 GALLONS OF~~ its own brand of wine produced ~~[at the license holder's~~
7 ~~premises]~~ ~~BY THE LICENSE HOLDER~~ to:

8 (i) a holder of a retail license that is authorized to acquire the wine;
9 and

10 (ii) a holder of a permit that is authorized to acquire the wine.

11 (2) ~~(H)~~ The license holder may [not] sell its wine to a holder of a
12 wholesaler's license.

13 ~~(H) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER PRODUCES MORE THAN 27,500~~
14 ~~GALLONS OF WINE IN A YEAR, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL SELL THE AMOUNT OF~~
15 ~~WINE THAT EXCEEDS 27,500 GALLONS TO A HOLDER OF A WHOLESALER'S LICENSE.~~

16 (d) The annual license fee is \$50.

17 (e) The license holder may use an additional location for the warehousing, sale,
18 and delivery of wine:

19 (1) if approved by the Comptroller following submission of a separate
20 application for each location; and

21 (2) on the payment of a \$50 fee for each additional location.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2018.