

# SENATE BILL 839

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By: **Senator Smith**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler’s License – Production**  
3 **and Distribution Limits**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law restricting the issuance of a Class 7  
5 limited beer wholesaler’s license to a certain license holder who produces not more  
6 than a certain number of barrels of beer each year; repealing the limit on the number  
7 of barrels of beer a certain license holder may distribute; and generally relating to  
8 Class 7 limited beer wholesaler’s licenses.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 2–308  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

17 2–308.

18 (a) There is a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler’s license.

19 (b) The license may be issued only to a person that:

20 (1) holds a Class 5 manufacturer’s license, a Class 7 micro–brewery license,  
21 or a Class 8 farm brewery license; and

22 (2) produces in the aggregate from all of its locations not more than

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [22,500] **300,000** barrels of beer annually.

2 (c) The license authorizes the license holder to:

3 (1) sell and deliver its own beer produced at the license holder's premises  
4 to:

5 (i) a holder of a retail license that is authorized to acquire beer from  
6 a wholesaler; and

7 (ii) a holder of a permit that is authorized to acquire beer from a  
8 wholesaler; and

9 (2) distribute [not more than 3,000 barrels of] its own beer [annually].

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

11 (e) The license holder may use an additional location for the warehousing, sale,  
12 and delivery of beer:

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

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

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2018.