

Chapter 559

(House Bill 1272)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcohol by Volume – Wine

FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of alcohol by volume that establishments holding certain alcoholic beverages licenses may serve in Frederick County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–102, 20–801, and 20–904(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 20–701 and 20–904(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–701.

(a) There is a Class A wine license in the county.

(b) The license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license.

(c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail at the place described in the license wine produced at the winery that contains not more than [21%] **22%** of alcohol by volume.

(2) Wine shall be sold in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises.

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

20–801.

The wine that may be sold under a beer and wine license may not contain more than 22% of alcohol by volume.

20–904.

- (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel or restaurant license.

- (d) (1) The license issued for a hotel or restaurant:

- (i) authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption where meals are prepared and served; and

- (ii) prohibits sales for consumption anywhere else, including at a bar or counter.

- (2) The license issued for a restaurant authorizes the sale for off–premises consumption of beverages with an alcoholic content of not more than [14.5%] **22%**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.