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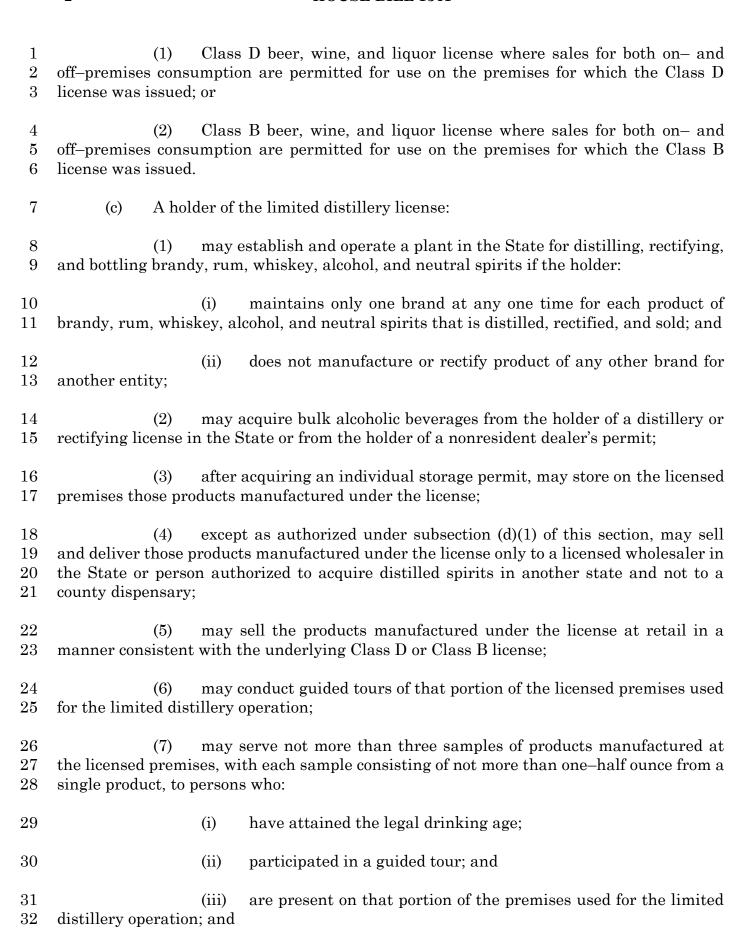
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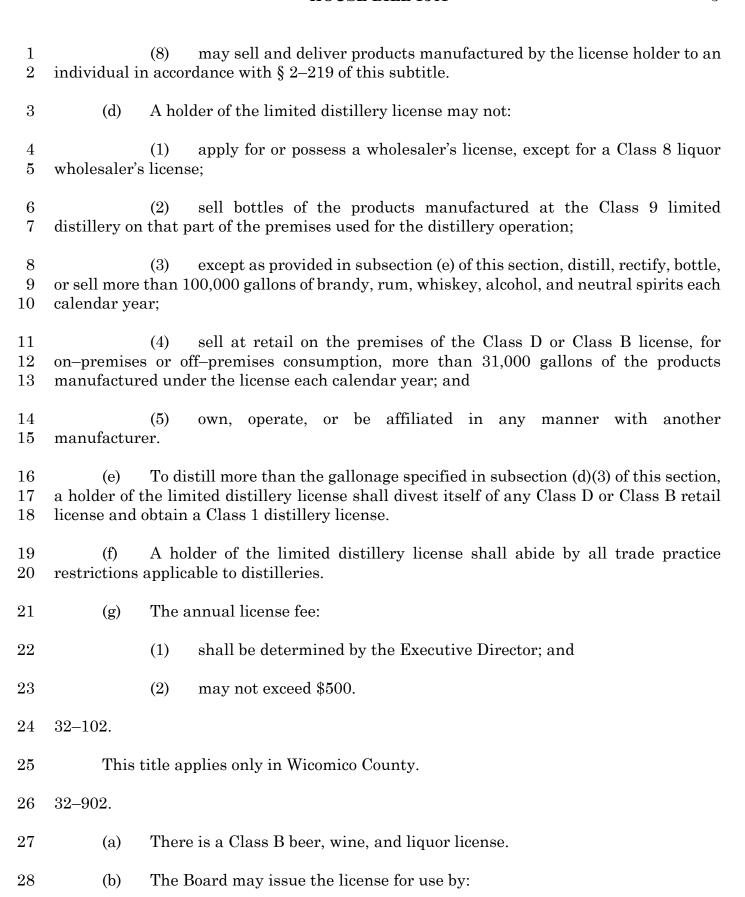
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning			
2 3	Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses - Purchases From Licensed Wholesalers and Self-Distribution			
4 5 6 7 8	FOR the purpose of authorizing a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder to purchas liquor for retail sale from a licensed wholesaler; authorizing a Class B beer, wine and liquor restaurant license holder that has been issued a Class 9 limited distiller license to sell certain products manufactured under the distillery license in a certain manner; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico County.			
9 10 11 12 13	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 2–203 and 32–102 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)			
14 15 16 17 18	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 32–902 Annotated Code of Maryland (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)			
19 20	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
21		Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis		
22	2–203.			
23	(a)	There is a Class 9 limited distillery license.		
24	(b)	The limited distillery license may be issued only to a holder of a:		







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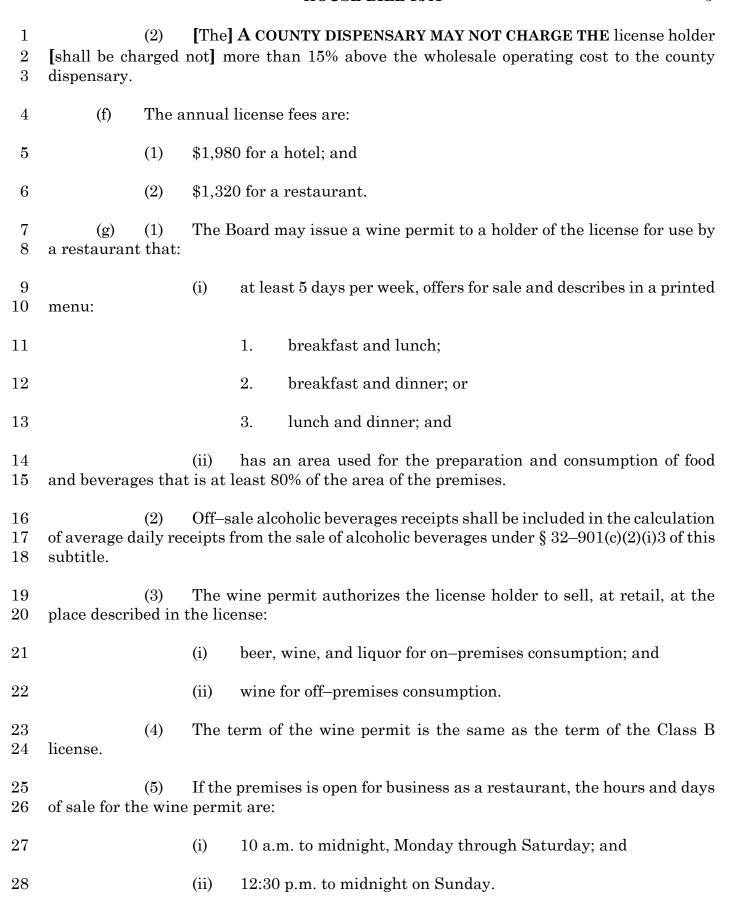
(1)

a hotel that has:

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1		(i)	at least 25 rooms;		
2		(ii)	a lobby with registration, mail desk, and seating facilities; and		
3 4	or	(iii)	a dining room that serves full-course meals at least twice daily;		
5	(2)	(i)	a restaurant that:		
6 7	preparing and ser	ving re	1. has a proper and adequate dining room with facilities for gular meals;		
8 9	for at least 40 indi	vidual	2. not counting seating at a bar or counter, has table seating s; and		
10 11 12	3. has average daily receipts from the sale of food, not counting foodstuff contained in a mixed drink, that each month exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.				
13 14	to a Class B beer,	(ii) wine, a	The seating requirement in item (i)1 of this item does not apply and liquor license holder who held the license on July 1, 1978.		
15 16 17	(c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a hotel or restaurant at retail at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption.				
18	(d) (1)	In thi	is subsection, "lounge area" means an area that includes:		
19		(i)	a bar where alcoholic beverages are served; and		
20		(ii)	an entertainment facility in the same area as the bar.		
21	(2)	The l	icense holder may:		
22 23 24	_		prohibit an individual under the legal drinking age from entering p.m. unless the individual is accompanied by a parent or legal gal drinking age; and		
25 26	while live entertai	(ii) nment	charge an entertainment fee for each individual who is present is in progress in the lounge area.		
27 28	(e) (1) holder [shall] MA		NOTWITHSTANDING § 32–306 OF THIS TITLE, THE license hase liquor for retail sale from a county dispensary OR FROM A		



## **HOUSE BILL 1341**

- 1 (6) Wine sold under the wine permit may not have an alcohol content 2 greater than 15.5%.
- 3 (7) An applicant for the wine permit shall complete the form that the Board 4 provides.
- 5 (8) Advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements for the 6 wine permit are the same as those for Class B licenses.
- 7 (9) The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this subsection, including 8 a limit on the number of wine permits to be granted.
- 9 (10) The annual permit fee is \$1,500.
- 10 (H) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR RESTAURANT
  11 LICENSE THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED A CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE MAY SELL
  12 PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED UNDER THE DISTILLERY LICENSE AT THE PLACE
  13 DESCRIBED IN THE CLASS B LICENSE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE
  14 UNDERLYING CLASS B LICENSE FOR ON- AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 16 1, 2024.