

SENATE BILL 803

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By: Senator Beidle

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Class 3 Wineries and Class 4 Limited Wineries – Bulk**
3 **Wine**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the holder of a Class 3 winery license to acquire bulk wine
5 from the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license; authorizing the holder of a Class
6 4 limited winery license to sell and deliver bulk wine to the holder of a Class 3 winery
7 license; and generally relating to Class 3 wineries and Class 4 limited wineries.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 2–205 and 2–206(c)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section 2–206(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

21 2–205.

22 (a) There is a Class 3 winery license.

23 (b) A license holder may:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (2) import bulk wine from the holder of a nonresident dealer's permit;

4 (3) ACQUIRE BULK WINE FROM THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 4 LIMITED
5 WINERY LICENSE;

6 (4) sell and deliver wine to:

7 (i) a holder of a wholesaler's license;

8 (ii) a holder of a permit that is authorized to acquire wine; and

9 (iii) a person outside the State that is authorized to acquire wine;

10 [(4)] (5) subject to subsection (c) of this section, sell at retail wine made
11 at the plant from products grown in the State to an individual participating in a guided
12 tour of the plant; and

13 **[(5)] (6)** serve, at no charge, not more than 6 ounces of wine made at the
14 plant to an individual who has attained the legal drinking age and is participating in a
15 guided tour of the plant.

16 (c) An individual may purchase wine under subsection [(b)(4)] **(B)(5)** of this
17 section if the individual has attained the legal drinking age.

18 (d) The license holder shall report to the Executive Director annually on a form
19 provided by the Executive Director on:

20 (1) the amount of alcoholic beverages produced under the license;

21 (2) the amount of alcoholic beverages sold for off-premises consumption;
22 and

23 (3) the amount of alcoholic beverages served for on-premises consumption.

24 (e) Except as otherwise provided by law, the license holder may not sell alcoholic
25 beverages for off-premises consumption to a person who intends to resell the alcoholic
26 beverages.

27 (f) The annual license fee:

28 (1) shall be determined by the Executive Director; and

29 (2) may not exceed \$750.

1 2-206.

2 (b) There is a Class 4 limited winery license.

3 (c) (1) A license holder may:

4 (i) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, from available
5 Maryland agricultural products:

6 1. ferment and bottle wine; and

7 2. distill and bottle pomace brandy; [and]

8 (ii) sell and deliver the wine and pomace brandy to:

9 1. a holder of a wholesaler's license;

10 2. a holder of a permit that is authorized to acquire wine or
11 pomace brandy; or

12 3. a person outside the State that is authorized to acquire
13 wine or pomace brandy; AND

14 (III) **SELL AND DELIVER BULK WINE TO THE HOLDER OF A CLASS**
15 **3 WINERY LICENSE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2026.