

HOUSE BILL 275

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By: Wicomico County Delegation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County Liquor Act of 2013**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Wicomico County a refillable container license;
4 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a holder
5 of any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board except a Class C
6 license, Class D license, Class B–Conference Center license, or Class B–Stadium
7 license; authorizing the holder of the license to sell draft beer for consumption
8 off the licensed premises in a certain refillable container; requiring a refillable
9 container to meet certain requirements; requiring an applicant for the license to
10 complete a certain form and pay a certain fee; requiring that certain applicants
11 meet certain advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements;
12 specifying the term of the license; requiring that receipts collected under the
13 license be included in a certain calculation of average daily receipts; specifying
14 the hours of sale for the license; allowing a holder of the license to refill only a
15 refillable container that was branded by the license holder; authorizing the
16 Board to adopt certain regulations related to the license; authorizing the holder
17 of a Class B–Stadium license to sell certain alcoholic beverages without meals;
18 authorizing the holder to sell alcoholic beverages in aluminum containers under
19 certain circumstances; increasing the total number of days during which beer,
20 wine, or beer and wine sampling or tasting events may be held during a period
21 for which a certain license is in effect; repealing a certain requirement that the
22 Board determine the time by which establishments shall cease serving alcoholic
23 beverages on a certain date; extending the hours for which alcoholic beverages
24 may be sold on Sundays under certain circumstances; exempting a certain
25 holder of a refillable container license from a prohibition on refilling a certain

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 container, under certain circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally
2 relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico County.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
5 Section 7–101(w), 8–223, 8–412(f), 11–402(x), 11–523(c), and 12–113(c)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 7–101.

17 (w) (1) This subsection applies only in Wicomico County.

18 (2) (i) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a special
19 Class C beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine and liquor license.

20 (ii) A special license entitles the holder to exercise any of the
21 privileges conferred by that class of license at a bona fide entertainment event held by
22 a fire department in the county.

23 ~~[(3)]~~ **(III)** An applicant for a special license shall sign and submit to
24 the Board of License Commissioners an application in the form that the Board
25 provides.

26 ~~[(4)]~~ **(IV)** The annual fee for a special license is:

27 ~~[(i)]~~ **1.** \$400, for not more than 10 days;

28 ~~[(ii)]~~ **2.** \$800, for at least 11 but not more than 20 days;

29 ~~[(iii)]~~ **3.** \$1,000, for at least 21 but not more than 30 days; and

30 ~~[(iv)]~~ **4.** \$1,100, for at least 31 but not more than 40 days.

1 **A. CLEANING THE CONTAINER IS THE**
2 **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSUMER; AND**

3 **B. THE CONTENTS OF THE CONTAINER ARE**
4 **PERISHABLE AND SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND CONSUMED**
5 **WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER PURCHASE.**

6 **(IV) BEFORE THE BOARD ISSUES A REFILLABLE CONTAINER**
7 **LICENSE TO AN APPLICANT:**

8 **1. THE APPLICANT SHALL:**

9 **A. COMPLETE THE FORM THAT THE BOARD**
10 **PROVIDES; AND**

11 **B. PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF \$500; AND**

12 **2. AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A LICENSE WITHOUT**
13 **AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE SHALL MEET THE SAME ADVERTISING, POSTING OF**
14 **NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS AS THOSE FOR THE LICENSE**
15 **THAT THE APPLICANT HOLDS.**

16 **(V) THE TERM OF THE REFILLABLE CONTAINER LICENSE**
17 **ISSUED TO A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT IS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE LICENSE**
18 **THAT THE APPLICANT HOLDS.**

19 **(VI) RECEIPTS COLLECTED UNDER A REFILLABLE**
20 **CONTAINER LICENSE ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF AVERAGE**
21 **DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNDER A CLASS B**
22 **RESTAURANT LICENSE, CLASS B HOTEL LICENSE, AND CLASS B GOLF COURSE**
23 **LICENSE.**

24 **(VII) THE HOURS OF SALE FOR A REFILLABLE CONTAINER**
25 **LICENSE:**

26 **1. BEGIN AT THE SAME TIME AS THOSE FOR THE**
27 **LICENSE ALREADY HELD BY THE PERSON TO WHOM THE REFILLABLE**
28 **CONTAINER LICENSE IS ISSUED; AND**

29 **2. END AT MIDNIGHT.**

30 **(VIII) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY REFILL ONLY A REFILLABLE**
31 **CONTAINER THAT WAS BRANDED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER.**

1 ~~[(9)] (4)~~ The Board of License Commissioners may adopt regulations
2 to carry out this subsection.

3 8-223.

4 (a) This section applies only in Wicomico County.

5 (b) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B beer and light
6 wine on-sale (stadium) license to the owner of any professional baseball team
7 franchise, whether the franchise is a partnership or a corporation.

8 (c) The license authorizes the holder to sell beer and, ~~if sold with [meals]~~
9 ~~FOOD~~, light wine at the stadium:

10 (1) For consumption only on the licensed premises;

11 (2) In plastic, Styrofoam, [or] paper, **OR ALUMINUM** containers on the
12 stadium premises, except that glass containers may be used in an enclosed dining
13 premises in which the patrons are seated;

14 (3) To persons present:

15 (i) At the baseball game in which the licensee's team is playing;
16 or

17 (ii) At other events that are held at the stadium; and

18 (4) During the hours and days for sale specified in § 11-523(c)(8) of
19 this article.

20 (d) The annual license fee is \$2,000.

21 (e) Except for a distributor of beer who is conducting business with the
22 licensee for the purposes of this section, the licensee may not permit any person to
23 carry any alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

24 (f) (1) This license may be issued only for a stadium that has the average
25 daily receipts from the sale of food for each month exceed the average daily receipts
26 from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

27 (2) In calculating average daily receipts from the sale of food, an
28 allocation of foodstuff contained in a mixed drink may not be included in average daily
29 receipts from the sale of food.

30 8-412.

1 (a) In this section, “license” means a beer tasting (BT) license, a wine tasting
2 (WT) license, or a beer/wine tasting (BWT) license.

3 (b) This section applies only in Wicomico County.

4 (c) (1) The Board of License Commissioners may issue a:

5 (i) Beer tasting (BT) license for beer tasting and sampling;

6 (ii) Wine tasting (WT) license for wine tasting and sampling;
7 and

8 (iii) Beer/wine tasting (BWT) license for beer or wine tasting and
9 sampling.

10 (2) A license may be issued only to a holder of a Class A beer and wine
11 (off–sale) license or a Class A beer, wine and liquor (off–sale) license.

12 (f) (1) An individual may be served, for sampling or tasting purposes, not
13 more than:

14 (i) 1 ounce of wine from each brand; or

15 (ii) 3 ounces of beer from each brand.

16 (2) A maximum of:

17 (i) Six bottles of wine may be open at any one time at a wine or
18 beer and wine sampling or tasting event; or

19 (ii) Six containers of beer may be open at any one time at a beer
20 or beer and wine sampling or tasting event.

21 (3) The total number of days during which beer, wine, or beer and
22 wine sampling or tasting events [are] **MAY BE** held may not exceed [20] **50** in any
23 period for which a license is in effect.

24 (4) A license holder shall notify the Board of License Commissioners in
25 writing at least 5 days before a beer, wine, or beer and wine sampling or tasting event.

26 (5) Once opened, each bottle or container used for a beer, wine, or beer
27 and wine sampling or tasting event shall be marked that it is to be used for that
28 purpose only.

29 (6) The contents of each bottle or container may not be mixed with any
30 other bottle or container, and all bottles and containers shall be destroyed once they
31 are empty.

1 11-402.

2 (x) (1) This subsection applies only in Wicomico County.

3 (2) The Board of License Commissioners shall determine the hour at
4 which establishments serving alcoholic beverages must cease sales on [New Year's
5 Eve Day and on] New Year's Day morning regardless of the day of the week on which
6 [December 31 and] January 1 [fall] FALLS.

7 11-523.

8 (c) The days and hours for the sale of alcoholic beverages are:

9 (1) For a Class B "on-sale" hotel and restaurant beer, wine and liquor
10 license:

11 (i) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the
12 following day; and

13 (ii) Sunday from [12:30 p.m.] **10 A.M.** to 12 midnight (and then
14 only for consumption by patrons seated on the premises).

15 (2) For a Class C "on-sale" club beer, wine and liquor license:

16 (i) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the
17 following day; and

18 (ii) Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 12 midnight (provided that under
19 the Sunday licenses the sale or disposal of any alcoholic beverages is permitted only
20 for consumption by patrons seated on the premises).

21 (3) For a Class B hotel and restaurant beer license:

22 (i) On-sale:

23 1. Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the
24 following day; and

25 2. Sunday from [12:30 p.m.] **10 A.M.** to 12 midnight,
26 provided that the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday is only permitted for
27 consumption by patrons who are seated on the premises; and

28 (ii) Off-sale on any day from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight.

29 (4) For a Class B hotel and restaurant beer and light wine license:

1 (i) On-sale:

2 1. Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the
3 following day; and

4 2. Sunday from [12:30 p.m.] **10 A.M.** to 12 midnight,
5 provided that the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday is only permitted for
6 consumption by patrons who are seated on the premises; and

7 (ii) Off-sale on any day from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight.

8 (5) For a 6-day Class D beer and light wine license:

9 (i) On-sale, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.
10 the following day; and

11 (ii) Off-sale, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12
12 midnight.

13 (6) For a 7-day Class D beer and light wine license:

14 (i) On-sale:

15 1. Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the
16 following day; and

17 2. Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 12 midnight, provided that
18 the sale of alcoholic beverages is only permitted for consumption by patrons who are
19 seated on the premises; and

20 (ii) Off-sale any day from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight.

21 (7) For a Class [GC (golf course)] **B** beer, wine and liquor (**GOLF**
22 **COURSE**) license:

23 (i) Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the
24 following day; and

25 (ii) Sunday from [12:30 p.m.] **10 A.M.** to 12 midnight.

26 (8) (i) For a stadium beer and light wine license, except as
27 provided in subitem (ii) of this item:

28 1. Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 9 p.m.;
29 and

30 2. Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

1 (ii) During baseball games only, alcoholic beverages may not be
2 sold:

3 1. After the beginning of the eighth inning; or

4 2. During a double header game, after the beginning of
5 the sixth inning of the second game.

6 12–113.

7 (c) Except as provided in [§] §§ 7–101(w)(3) AND 8–203(e) of this article, no
8 retail dealer, or agent or employee of such retail dealer shall refill any container of
9 alcoholic beverages with any substance whatsoever after such container has once been
10 emptied of its original contents.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.