

Chapter 367

(Senate Bill 1015)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Tasting Licenses

FOR the purpose of creating in Anne Arundel County a BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license; specifying that the BWLT ~~license~~ and BWT licenses may be issued to certain persons; creating a license fee schedule for a BWLT license and altering the fee schedule for a BWT beer and wine (on-premises) tasting license; specifying certain limitations on the amount of alcoholic beverages that may be offered for on-premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 8-402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

8-402.

- (a) This section applies only in Anne Arundel County.
- (b) In this section, “Board” means the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners.
- (c) There is a Class **BWLT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (ON-PREMISES) TASTING LICENSE**, A BWT beer and wine (on-premises) tasting license, a WS wine sampling (on-premises) license, and a Class WT wine tasting (on-premises) license.
- (d) (1) **(I) A CLASS BWLT LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS ~~BWL~~ A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (ON-PREMISES) (OFF-PREMISES) LICENSE.**

(II) A Class BWT license may only be issued to a holder of a Class ~~BWL A~~ beer, wine and liquor ~~(on-premises)~~ **(OFF-PREMISES)** license or a Class ~~BW A~~ beer and wine ~~(on-sale)~~ **(OFF-PREMISES)** license.

(2) The annual fee for a Class BWT license is[:

- (i) \$50 for a holder of a Class BWL license; and
- (ii) \$50 for a holder of a Class BW license] **\$150.**

(3) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A CLASS BWLT LICENSE IS \$500.

~~[(3)]~~ (4) The annual fee for a Class **BWLT OR** BWT license is in addition to the Class ~~BWL or BW A~~ annual fee.

(5) A CLASS BWLT LICENSE AUTHORIZES A HOLDER TO PERMIT THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY:

(I) LIQUOR TO BE SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM EACH OF ANY OF FIVE BRANDS TO ANY ONE PERSON PER DAY;

(II) LIGHT WINE TO BE SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH GIVEN BRAND TO ANY ONE PERSON; AND

(III) BEER TO BE SERVED IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN 3 OUNCES TO ANY ONE PERSON.

~~[(4)]~~ **(6)** The Class BWT license authorizes a holder to permit the on-premises consumption of the following alcoholic beverages for tasting or sampling purposes only:

(i) Light wine to be served in a quantity of not more than 1 ounce from each given brand to any one person; and

(ii) Beer to be served in a quantity of not more than 3 ounces to any one person.

(e) (1) The Board may issue a WS (wine sampling) license to bona fide nonprofit organizations.

(2) The WS license authorizes the consumption of wine for tasting or sampling purposes:

- (i) On Class B beer and wine or beer, wine and liquor licensed premises with the consent of the licensee; or
 - (ii) On premises without a permanent alcoholic beverages license.
- (3) The licensee may not serve more than 2 ounces from each brand to any 1 person.
- (4) The bona fide nonprofit organization:
- (i) Shall apply for a WS license at least 15 days prior to the day of issuance; and
 - (ii) May not be issued more than 12 WS licenses in any given license year.
- (5) The daily license fee is \$15.
- (6) The WS licensee may bring wine onto Class B licensed premises for sampling or tasting purposes only.
- (f) (1) A Class WT wine tasting (on-premises) license may only be issued to a holder of a Class BWL license or a holder of a Class BW license.
- (2) A Class WT wine tasting (on-premises) license authorizes a holder to permit the on-premises consumption for tasting or sampling purposes only of light wine to be served in a quantity of not more than 1 ounce from each given brand to any one person.
- (3) The annual license fee is:
- (i) \$150 for a holder of a Class BWL license; and
 - (ii) \$50 for a holder of a Class BW license.
- (g) The provisions of this section are not restricted by:
- (1) The provisions in subsection (b) of § 12-107 of this article; and
 - (2) The provisions of law under § 9-102 of this article prohibiting the issuance of 2 licenses for the same premises.

(h) In the City of Annapolis, the Mayor and City Council may approve the issuance of a BWT license or a WS license. The fees for the licenses shall be set by the Mayor and City Council.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.