

HOUSE BILL 424

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event – Education Permits**

3 **Ho. Co. 05–15**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to
5 issue a special event – education beer and wine tasting alcoholic beverages permit
6 and a special event – education beer, wine, and liquor tasting alcoholic beverages
7 permit; specifying that a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit
8 authorized under this Act may be issued to a holder of a certain alcoholic beverages
9 license; specifying that a holder of a special event – education alcoholic beverages
10 permit authorized under this Act may provide from the holder’s inventory certain
11 alcoholic beverages to a consumer who has preregistered for a certain event, subject
12 to certain limitations; specifying a permit fee; authorizing the Board to adopt certain
13 regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in
14 Howard County.

15 BY renumbering

16 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 8–408.2 and 8–408.3, respectively

18 to be Section 8–408.3 and 8–408.4, respectively

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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 Section 8–408.2
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
5 That Section(s) 8–408.2 and 8–408.3, respectively, of Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages of
6 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8–408.3 and 8–408.4,
7 respectively.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
9 as follows:

10 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

11 **8–408.2.**

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION” MEANS AN EVENT AT
13 WHICH A SPEAKER PROVIDES INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO DEVELOP A FOUNDATION OF
14 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING:

- 15 (1) STYLES OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR;
16 (2) METHODS OF TASTING BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR;
17 (3) PAIRING FOOD AND BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR; AND
18 (4) SERVING, STORING, AND BUYING BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR.

19 (B) (1) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
20 MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BEER AND WINE TASTING (BWT)
21 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMIT.

22 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A SPECIAL
23 EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF:

- 24 (I) A CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE; OR
25 (II) A CLASS A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE.

26 (3) A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE
27 ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING ONLY, OF:

- 28 (I) BEER; OR

1 (II) WINE CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 15.5% OF ALCOHOL BY
2 VOLUME.

3 (4) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY
4 PROVIDE, TO A CONSUMER WHO HAS PREREGISTERED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT –
5 EDUCATION, BEER OR WINE FROM THE HOLDER’S INVENTORY AT A PRORATED
6 CHARGE THAT COVERS THE COST OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING ALCOHOLIC
7 BEVERAGES, SNACKS, AND A SPEAKER.

8 (5) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWT PERMIT MAY
9 NOT SERVE:

10 (I) WINE IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM ANY
11 INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NO MORE THAN ~~4~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY
12 ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY; OR

13 (II) BEER IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN ~~3~~ 2 OUNCES FROM ANY
14 INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NO MORE THAN ~~5~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY
15 ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.

16 (6) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION
17 BWT PERMIT IS \$100 IN ADDITION TO THE FEE FOR ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC
18 BEVERAGES LICENSE.

19 (c) (1) IN HOWARD COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
20 MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR TASTING
21 (BWL~~T~~) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMIT.

22 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A SPECIAL
23 EVENT – EDUCATION BWL~~T~~ PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A
24 BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) LICENSE.

25 (3) A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWL~~T~~ PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE
26 ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING ONLY, OF:

27 (I) BEER;

28 (II) WINE CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 15.5% OF ALCOHOL BY
29 VOLUME; OR

30 (III) LIQUOR.

31 (4) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWL~~T~~ PERMIT MAY
32 PROVIDE, TO A CONSUMER WHO HAS PREREGISTERED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT –

1 EDUCATION, BEER, WINE, OR LIQUOR FROM THE HOLDER'S INVENTORY AT A
 2 PRORATED CHARGE THAT COVERS THE COST OF THE EVENT, INCLUDING
 3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SNACKS, AND A SPEAKER.

4 (5) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION BWLT PERMIT MAY
 5 NOT SERVE:

6 (I) WINE IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM ANY
 7 INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN ~~4~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY
 8 ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY;

9 (II) BEER IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN ~~3~~ 2 OUNCES FROM ANY
 10 INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN ~~8~~ 6 OUNCES IN THE AGGREGATE TO ANY
 11 ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY; OR

12 (III) LIQUOR IN A QUANTITY OF MORE THAN ~~1 1/4~~ 1 1/2 OUNCE FROM
 13 ANY INDIVIDUAL BRAND AND NOT MORE THAN ~~1 OUNCE~~ 3 OUNCES IN THE
 14 AGGREGATE TO ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY.

15 (6) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT – EDUCATION
 16 BWLT PERMIT IS \$100 IN ADDITION TO THE FEE FOR ANY OTHER ALCOHOLIC
 17 BEVERAGES LICENSE.

18 (D) THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY
 19 ADOPT REGULATIONS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT
 20 THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
 22 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.