

# HOUSE BILL 239

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer and Wine License –**  
3 **Farm Breweries and Limited Wineries**

4 **MC 21–22**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery  
6 County to issue a certain number of Class D beer and wine licenses to a holder of a  
7 Class 8 farm brewery license and a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to sell  
8 certain products; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in  
9 Montgomery County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 25–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
17 Section 25–401 and 25–805  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

20 BY adding to  
21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
22 Section 25–407 and 25–408  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

1  
2 25–102.

3 This title applies only in Montgomery County.

4 25–401.

5 (a) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of  
6 Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

7 (1) § 2–201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);

8 (2) § 2–202 (“Class 1 distillery license”);

9 (3) § 2–204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”);

10 (4) [§ 2–206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”);

11 (5)] § 2–207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);

12 [(6) § 2–210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”);]

13 [(7)] (5) § 2–211 (“Residency requirement”);

14 [(8)] (6) § 2–212 (“Additional licenses”);

15 [(9)] (7) § 2–213 (“Additional fees”);

16 [(10)] (8) § 2–214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);

17 [(11)] (9) § 2–216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and  
18 retailers”);

19 [(12)] (10) § 2–217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages — Prohibited  
20 practices”); and

21 [(13)] (11) § 2–218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and  
22 retailers — Prohibited”).

23 (b) Section 2–215 (“Beer sale on credit to retail dealer prohibited”) of Division I of  
24 this article does not apply in the county.

25 (c) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of  
26 Division I of this article apply in the county:

1 (1) § 2-203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”), subject to § 25-406 of this  
2 subtitle;

3 (2) § 2-205 (“Class 3 winery license”), subject to § 25-403 of this subtitle;

4 (3) § 2-206 (“CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO §  
5 25-408 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

6 [(3)] (4) § 2-208 (“Class 6 pub-brewery license”), subject to § 25-404 of  
7 this subtitle; [and]

8 [(4)] (5) § 2-209 (“Class 7 micro-brewery license”), subject to § 25-405 of  
9 this subtitle; AND

10 (6) § 2-210 (“CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO §  
11 25-407 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

12 25-407.

13 THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE TO A HOLDER  
14 OF A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE TO SELL:

15 (1) PRODUCTS THAT THE HOLDER MANUFACTURES FOR ON- AND  
16 OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

17 (2) PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 4  
18 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE; OR

19 (3) PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER OF ANOTHER CLASS  
20 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE.

21 25-408.

22 THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE TO A HOLDER  
23 OF A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE TO SELL:

24 (1) PRODUCTS THAT THE HOLDER MANUFACTURES FOR ON- AND  
25 OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

26 (2) PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 8 FARM  
27 BREWERY LICENSE; OR

28 (3) PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER OF ANOTHER CLASS

1 **4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.**

2 25–805.

3 (a) There is a Class D beer and wine license.

4 (b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the  
5 place described in the license, for on– and off–premises consumption.

6 **(c) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LICENSE**  
7 **HOLDER MAY ALSO HOLD:**

8 **(i) A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE; OR**

9 **(ii) A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.**

10 **(2) THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE OR A CLASS**  
11 **4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE MAY NOT HOLD MORE THAN ONE CLASS D BEER AND**  
12 **WINE LICENSE.**

13 **[(c)] (D)** The license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

14 **[(d)] (E)** The annual license fee is \$400.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
16 1, 2022.