

5-301(u), 5-401(u), 6-201(u)(1) and (2), 6-301(u)(1) and (2), 6-401(u)(1), 7-101(s), 8-312, 10-103(b)(9)(iii), 10-301(h)(1), 15-109(u), 15-112(u), and 16-101(b)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

8-410.2.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

(B) (1) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A WINE TASTING (WT) LICENSE FOR WINE TASTING AND SAMPLING.

(2) A WT LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A BEER AND WINE (OFF-SALE) LICENSE.

(C) THE ANNUAL WT LICENSE FEE IS \$150.

(D) (1) AN APPLICATION FOR A WT LICENSE SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM THAT THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS PROVIDES.

(2) A RENEWAL OF THE WT LICENSE MAY BE MADE AT THE TIME THE CLASS A BEER AND WINE (OFF-SALE) LICENSE IS RENEWED.

(3) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY GRANT A WT LICENSE WITHOUT A HEARING.

(4) IF APPLICATION FOR A WT LICENSE IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

(E) (1) A WT LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SERVE TO ANY PERSON FOR SAMPLING OR TASTING PURPOSES MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH BRAND.

(2) A MAXIMUM OF SIX BOTTLES MAY BE OPENED AT ANY ONE TIME AT A WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENT.

(3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS DURING WHICH WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENTS ARE HELD MAY NOT EXCEED 15 IN ANY PERIOD FOR WHICH A WT LICENSE IS IN EFFECT.

(4) A WT LICENSE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS IN WRITING AT LEAST 5 DAYS BEFORE A WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENT.

(5) ONCE OPENED, EACH BOTTLE USED FOR A WINE SAMPLING OR TASTING EVENT SHALL BE MARKED THAT IT IS TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ONLY.