

FOR the purpose of creating a wine tasting alcoholic beverages license in Washington County; providing for the fees and limitations of the license; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-409

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

8-409.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(B) A SPECIAL WINE TASTING LICENSE (WTL) MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

~~(B)~~ (C) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$200, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE OF A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

~~(C)~~ (D) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL WINE TASTING LICENSE (WTL) TO PERMIT ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF WINE FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY. ~~CONSIDERATION MAY NOT BE CHARGED OR EXACTED.~~

(E) THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL WINE TASTING LICENSE MAY NOT CHARGE FOR THE WINE TASTING OR SAMPLING.

~~(D)~~ (F) THE LICENSE IS EFFECTIVE FOR USE NO MORE THAN 12 DAYS IN A LICENSING YEAR. THE LICENSEE SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING AT LEAST 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ANY SCHEDULED TASTING DATE.

~~(E)~~ (G) SERVINGS ARE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 2 OUNCES OF ANY ONE WINE TO ANY ONE CUSTOMER.

~~(F)~~ (H) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.