

(ii) "Charitable organization" includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate which has its principal place of business outside the State.

(iii) "Charitable organization" does not include a political party, political committee, political club, an agency of the State government or political subdivision, a fraternal organization, fire fighters, rescue or ambulance squads, or police or other law enforcement organization.

(2) A wine auction permit, provided for under this subsection, may not be issued for use within Montgomery County.

(3) The Office of the Comptroller may issue a 1-day wine auction permit to a charitable organization.

(4) The permit authorizes the holder to sell wine at public or private auction to any consumer through the solicitation and acceptance of bids.

(5) The permit may be granted:

- (i) For an unlicensed premises;
- (ii) A Class B or C licensed premises; or
- (iii) In Baltimore City, a Class B-D-7 licensed premises.

(6) The permit fee is \$500.

(7) (i) The permit authorizes the holder to conduct 1 auction of wine during a calendar year.

(ii) Only 1 permit shall be issued to each charity during a calendar year.

(8) (i) A permit holder may receive wine for the auction from:

- 1. A wholesaler licensed under this article;
- 2. A Class 3 or Class 4 winery licensed under this article;
- 3. A retail dealer licensed under this article;
- 4. A private individual residing in the State; or
- 5. A business entity that is located in the State and not licensed

under this article.

(ii) A permit holder may receive commercially-produced wine that is not authorized for distribution and sale in the State from:

- 1. A nonresident private individual; or
- 2. A business entity that is located outside of this State.

(9) (i) Wine that is received from the following sources is subject to Maryland tax as provided under § 5-102 of the Tax - General Article: