

**CHAPTER 682**

**(House Bill 1078)**

AN ACT concerning

**Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages**

FOR the purpose of altering in Dorchester County the alcohol content of "light wine"; authorizing the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a 1-day wine tasting alcoholic beverages (WT) license; specifying the conditions for the issuance and the fee of a WT license; establishing a maximum limit for the amount of wine that may be consumed under a WT license; prohibiting the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners from requiring the publication of an application for a WT license before the Board grants the license; allowing on-sale consumption of alcoholic beverages for 1 hour after sales of alcoholic beverages must cease; requiring that tables and bar areas be cleared of alcoholic beverages after a certain time; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4-101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 4-101(k) and 11-510

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-405.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

4-101.

(a) In the jurisdictions listed in this section, "light wine" is a fermented beverage that contains not in excess of 14 percent of alcohol by volume unless another percentage is listed.