

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-404.2

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

8-404.2.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CAROLINE COUNTY.

(B) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A 1-DAY CLASS BWTS BEER AND WINE (ON-PREMISES) TASTING OR SAMPLING LICENSE.

(C) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CURRENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT QUALIFIES FOR A SPECIAL CLASS C BEER OR CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE UNDER § 7-101(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$50.

(E) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PERMIT THE CONSUMPTION OF WINE OR BEER FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING, IF :

~~(1) THE HOLDER IS OTHERWISE LICENSED TO SELL THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISPENSED, AND~~

~~(2) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE GIVEN TO CONSUMERS AT NO CHARGE.~~

(F) A PERSON MAY CONSUME WINE OR BEER COVERED BY A CLASS BWTS LICENSE IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING:

(1) 1 OUNCES OUNCE FROM A SINGLE BRAND OF WINE, AND 4 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY; AND

(2) 3 OUNCES FROM A SINGLE BRAND OF BEER, AND 8 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS IN A SINGLE DAY.

(G) ALL CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHALL OCCUR ON THE LICENSED PREMISES OF THE HOLDER OF THE CLASS BWTS LICENSE.

(H) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS NEED NOT PUBLISH AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS BWTS LICENSE BEFORE GRANTING THE LICENSE.

(I) A CLASS BWTS LICENSE MAY NOT BE GRANTED TO A PERSON MORE THAN 12 TIMES IN A CALENDAR YEAR.