

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

8-408.1.

(a) (1) In Howard County, the Board of License Commissioners may issue a wine tasting (WT) alcoholic beverages license.

(2) The WT license authorizes the on-premises consumption of wine, containing not more than 14% of alcohol by volume, for tasting or sampling only.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the license may be issued to holders of a Class A beer, wine and liquor (BWL) license or a Class A beer and wine (BW) license.

(4) The licensee may not serve more than 1 ounce from each given brand to any one person and no more than 4 ounces to any one person in a single day.

(5) The annual license fee for the WT license shall be \$100 in addition to the fee of any other alcoholic beverages license.

(b) The Howard County Board of License Commissioners may adopt rules or regulations providing additional requirements to implement this section.

9-301.

In the enumerated subdivisions below, a person, partnership, firm or corporation, except by way of renewal, may not have an interest in more than one license, whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by stock ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly. It is the intention of this section to prohibit any person, firm, partnership or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license.

(4) In Howard County:

(i) 1. Except for renewals, a person, partnership, firm, or corporation may not have an interest in more than one alcoholic beverages license in Howard County whether held or controlled by direct or indirect ownership, by stock ownership, interlocking directors or interlocking stock ownership, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly; and

2. Except for renewals, it is the intention of this paragraph to prohibit any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from having any interest, directly or indirectly, in more than one license.

(ii) The prohibitions in this subsection do not apply to the number of licenses authorized under § 8-408.1 or § 9-102(o) of this article.

Chapter 233 of the Acts of 1998

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years, and at the end of September 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]