

**CHAPTER 79**

**(Senate Bill 278)**

AN ACT concerning

**Garrett County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Tasting**

FOR the purpose of broadening the scope of the wine tasting license in Garrett County to allow beer tasting under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity of beer to be served to each person and the number of bottles from which the quantity is to be served; and generally relating to the wine and beer tasting alcoholic beverages license in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-406.1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

8-406.1.

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

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board may issue a license only to holders of a beer, wine and liquor license or a beer and wine license.

(3) The license permits the consumption of wine OR BEER authorized to be sold by the beer, wine and liquor license or the beer and wine license for tasting or sampling purposes only and for which no consideration may be charged or exacted.

(4) The Board of License Commissioners shall regulate:

(i) The quantity of wine OR BEER to be served to each person; and

(ii) The number of bottles of wine OR BEER from which this quantity is being served.

(5) The annual license fee is \$100 in addition to the cost of the beer, wine and liquor license or the beer and wine license.

(6) The privileges granted by this wine AND BEER tasting license may not be exercised during the Maryland Wine Festival.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2003.