

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 2-101(o) and (u)(1) and (2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

2-101.

(o) (1) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(i) “Charitable organization” means an organization that is a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious, or eleemosynary organization that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable or benevolent purposes, and that is registered with the Secretary of State as required by law.

(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 for:

(i) 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] \$10.

(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.