

## Chapter 475

(House Bill 1478)

AN ACT concerning

### Prince George's County – Beer ~~and~~, Wine, and Liquor Tastings

PG 320–10

FOR the purpose of creating in Prince George's County a beer tasting license ~~and~~, a beer/wine tasting license, and a beer, wine and liquor tasting license; specifying to whom the licenses may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of certain individual servings; specifying that certain licenses may be issued for tasting or sampling purposes only; providing for certain license fees; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 8–409  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

#### Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

8–409.

(a) (1) In Prince George's County, the Board of License Commissioners may approve the issuance of a **BEER TASTING LICENSE, A wine tasting [(WT)] LICENSE, AND A BEER/WINE TASTING [alcoholic beverages] license.**

(2) (I) [The] **A WINE TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING** license is issued only to holders of a beer, wine and liquor (BWL) or a beer and wine (BW) license.

(II) 1. **A BEER TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSE IS ISSUED ONLY TO HOLDERS OF A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR (BWL) OR A BEER AND WINE (BW) LICENSE.**

2. **HOLDERS OF A BEER (B) LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY A BEER TASTING LICENSE.**

(3) (I) [The] **A WINE TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING** license permits the consumption of wine, containing not more than 14 percent of alcohol by volume, for tasting or sampling purposes only.

(II) **A BEER TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSE ALLOWS THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER FOR TASTING OR SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY.**

(4) (I) [The] **A WINE TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING** licensee may not serve more than 1 ounce from each given brand **OF WINE** to any one person.

(II) **A BEER TASTING OR BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSEE MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN 3 OUNCES FROM EACH BRAND OF BEER TO ANY ONE PERSON.**

(5) (I) The annual [license] fee **OF A BEER TASTING OR WINE TASTING LICENSE:**

[(i)] 1. For holders of a **BWL** license, is \$110 in addition to the cost of the **BWL** license; [and]

[(ii)] 2. For holders of a **BW** license, is \$110 in addition to the cost of the **BW** license; **AND**

3. **FOR HOLDERS OF A B LICENSE, IS \$110 IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF THE B LICENSE.**

(II) **THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A BEER/WINE TASTING LICENSE.**

**(B) (1) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING (BWLTT) LICENSE.**

**(2) A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY TO HOLDERS OF A BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**

**(3) A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE CONSUMPTION OF ONE-HALF AN OUNCE OF LIQUOR FROM A GIVEN BRAND AND 1.5 OUNCES FROM ALL BRANDS BY ANY ONE PERSON IN A SINGLE DAY FOR TASTING AND SAMPLING PURPOSES ONLY.**

**(4) THE LIMITATIONS ON THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE.**

**(5) THE BOARD SHALL SET THE ANNUAL FEE FOR A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE.**

~~(b)~~ **(C)** The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may adopt rules or regulations providing additional requirements to implement this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**