

# HOUSE BILL 987

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Direct Wine Shipper’s Permit – ~~Qualification Standards~~**  
3 **Application and Renewal Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a direct wine shipper’s permit ~~that is a person~~  
5 ~~licensed outside the State to directly engage in the manufacture of wine in order to~~  
6 ~~qualify for the permit~~ or a direct wine shipper who seeks to renew a permit to identify  
7 the wines manufactured by the applicant or direct wine shipper intended for  
8 shipment into the State; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,

10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

11 Section 2–144

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

16 Section 2–145(a) and 2–149(a)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 2-144.

2 To qualify for a direct wine shipper's permit, an applicant shall be:

3 (1) a person licensed outside the State to engage in the manufacture of  
4 wine ~~THAT DIRECTLY ENGAGES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WINE~~; or

5 (2) a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's license or a Class 4 manufacturer's  
6 license.

7 2-145.

8 (a) An applicant for a direct wine shipper's permit shall:

9 (1) submit to the Comptroller a completed application on a form that the  
10 Comptroller provides;

11 (2) provide to the Comptroller a copy of the applicant's current license;  
12 [and]

13 (3) IDENTIFY THE WINES MANUFACTURED BY THE APPLICANT THAT  
14 THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO SHIP INTO THE STATE; AND

15 (4) pay a fee of \$200 for initial issuance of the direct wine shipper's permit.

16 2-149.

17 (a) A direct wine shipper may renew its direct wine shipper's permit each year if  
18 the direct wine shipper:

19 (1) is otherwise entitled to have a direct wine shipper's permit;

20 (2) provides to the Comptroller a copy of its current permit; [and]

21 (3) IDENTIFIES THE WINES MANUFACTURED BY THE DIRECT WINE  
22 SHIPPER THAT THE DIRECT WINE SHIPPER INTENDS TO SHIP INTO THE STATE; AND

23 (4) pays to the Comptroller a renewal fee of \$200.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2017.