

# SENATE BILL 1041

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Breweries, Wineries, and Distilleries – Direct Delivery**  
3 **and Direct Shipment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing certain permits authorizing the direct delivery or shipment  
5 of certain alcoholic beverages to a consumer in the State; establishing that certain  
6 affiliates of the holders of nonresident brewery permits or nonresident distillery  
7 permits are included in certain production limits; authorizing common carriers to  
8 transport, if applicable, beer or liquor; establishing the requirements an individual  
9 must meet in order to qualify for a direct-to-consumer alcoholic beverages delivery  
10 or shipping permit; establishing a maximum amount that a recipient of an alcoholic  
11 beverages delivery or shipment may receive annually; repealing a maximum amount  
12 that a consumer may purchase when visiting certain alcoholic beverage  
13 manufacturers; requiring a holder of a direct beer shipper's permit or direct liquor  
14 shipper's permit to post security for the alcoholic beverage tax in a certain amount;  
15 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
18 Section 2–132 and 2–132.1; and 2–142 through 2–147 and 2–150 through 2–152 to  
19 be under the amended part “Part V. Direct Wine Delivery, Direct Wine  
20 Shipper’s, and Common Carrier Permits”  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
24 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
25 Section 2–148, 2–149, 2–153, 2–154, 2–202(a), and 2–207(b)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

28 BY adding to

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
2 Section 2–148.1 and 2–149.1; and 2–167 through 2–176 to be under the new part  
3 “Part VIII. Direct-to-Consumer Beer and Liquor Shipping and Delivery”  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Tax – General  
8 Section 13–825(a) and (i)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Tax – General  
13 Section 13–825(b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
18 Section 2–202(c) and 2–207(d)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)  
21 (As enacted by Section 3 of Chapters 359 and 360 of the Acts of the General Assembly  
22 of 2021, as amended by Chapters 477 and 478 of the Acts of the General  
23 Assembly of 2022 and Chapter 594 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
24 2023)

25 BY repealing reenacting, without amendments,  
26 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
27 Section 2–207(c)  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland  
29 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)  
30 (As enacted by Section 3 of Chapters 359 and 360 of the Acts of the General Assembly  
31 of 2021, as amended by Chapters 477 and 478 of the Acts of the General  
32 Assembly of 2022 and Chapter 594 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
33 2023)

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

36 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

37 2–132.

38 (a) IN THIS SECTION, “AFFILIATE” MEANS A PERSON THAT DIRECTLY OR  
39 INDIRECTLY THROUGH ONE OR MORE INTERMEDIARIES CONTROLS, IS CONTROLLED

1 **BY, OR IS UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH A HOLDER OF A NONRESIDENT BREWERY**  
2 **PERMIT.**

3 **(B)** There is a nonresident brewery permit.

4 **[(b)] (C)** The Executive Director may issue the permit to a person that:

5 (1) is licensed outside the State to engage in the manufacture of beer;

6 (2) produces in the aggregate from all of its locations not more than  
7 **[22,500] 45,000** barrels of beer annually, **ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH ITS**  
8 **AFFILIATES**; and

9 (3) does not hold a nonresident dealer's permit.

10 **[(c)] (D)** (1) The permit authorizes the permit holder to sell and deliver not  
11 more than 3,000 barrels of the permit holder's own beer annually from a location outside  
12 the State to a retail license holder or permit holder in the State authorized to acquire the  
13 beer.

14 (2) The permit holder shall comply with all the requirements of this article,  
15 the Tax – General Article, and the regulations of the Comptroller or Executive Director  
16 that apply to a holder of a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler's license.

17 **[(d)] (E)** The annual permit fee is \$50.

18 2–132.1.

19 (a) **IN THIS SECTION, "AFFILIATE" MEANS A PERSON THAT DIRECTLY OR**  
20 **INDIRECTLY THROUGH ONE OR MORE INTERMEDIARIES CONTROLS, IS CONTROLLED**  
21 **BY, OR IS UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH A HOLDER OF A NONRESIDENT**  
22 **DISTILLERY PERMIT.**

23 **(B)** There is a nonresident distillery permit.

24 **[(b)] (C)** The Executive Director may issue the permit to a person that:

25 (1) is licensed outside the State to engage in the manufacture of liquor;

26 (2) produces in the aggregate from all of its locations not more than 100,000  
27 gallons of liquor annually, **ALONE OR IN COMBINATION WITH ITS AFFILIATES**; and

28 (3) does not hold a nonresident dealer's permit.

1            **[(c)] (D)**        (1)        The permit authorizes the permit holder to sell and deliver the  
2 permit holder's own liquor from a location outside the State to a retail license holder or  
3 permit holder in the State authorized to acquire the liquor.

4            (2)        The permit holder shall comply with all the requirements of this article,  
5 the Tax – General Article, and the regulations of the Comptroller or Executive Director  
6 that apply to a holder of a Class 8 limited liquor wholesaler's license.

7            **[(d)] (E)**        The annual permit fee is \$100.

8        Part V. Direct **WINE DELIVERY, DIRECT** Wine Shipper's, and Common Carrier Permits.  
9        2–142.

10            (a)        In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

11            (b)        (1)        “Common carrier” means a business entity that:

12                            (i)        holds itself out as being available to the public to transport in  
13 interstate or foreign commerce for compensation any class of passenger or property; and

14                            (ii)       holds a common carrier permit issued under § 2–151 of this  
15 subtitle.

16            (2)        “Common carrier” does not include a business entity that transports  
17 only property the business entity owns or that is consigned to the business entity.

18            (c)        **“DIRECT WINE DELIVERER” MEANS THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT WINE**  
19 **DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART.**

20            (D)        “Direct wine shipper” means the holder of a direct wine shipper's permit  
21 issued under this part.

22        2–143.

23            (A)        A person shall be issued a direct wine shipper's permit by the Executive  
24 Director before the person may engage in shipping wine directly to a consumer in the State.

25            (B)        **BEFORE A MANUFACTURER MAY ENGAGE IN DELIVERING WINE**  
26 **DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE STATE, THE MANUFACTURER SHALL BE ISSUED A**  
27 **DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT.**

28        2–144.

29            (A)        To qualify for a direct wine shipper's permit, an applicant shall be:

1 (1) a person licensed outside the State to engage in the manufacture of  
2 wine; or

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

5 **(B) (1) TO QUALIFY FOR A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT, AN**  
6 **APPLICANT SHALL BE:**

7 **(I) A PERSON LICENSED IN THE STATE TO ENGAGE IN THE**  
8 **MANUFACTURE OF WINE; AND**

9 **(II) A HOLDER OF A CLASS 6 LIMITED WINE WHOLESALER'S**  
10 **LICENSE.**

11 **(2) THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED**  
12 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY SELL AND DELIVER A PRODUCT PRODUCED UNDER**  
13 **THE HOLDER'S LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE STATE IF:**

14 **(I) THE DELIVERY IS MADE BY AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS:**

15 **1. AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND**

16 **2. CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS**  
17 **PROGRAM;**

18 **(II) THE PURCHASER, OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 21**  
19 **YEARS OLD DESIGNATED BY THE PURCHASER, IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT TO RECEIVE**  
20 **THE WINE AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF DELIVERY;**

21 **(III) THE PURCHASER PAYS FOR THE PURCHASE AT THE TIME OF**  
22 **ORDER; AND**

23 **(IV) THE DIRECT WINE DELIVERER AND THE INDIVIDUAL**  
24 **RECEIVING THE DELIVERY EACH ENDORSE A DELIVERY FORM THAT THE EXECUTIVE**  
25 **DIRECTOR APPROVES CERTIFYING THAT THE DIRECT WINE DELIVERER EXAMINED**  
26 **THE RECIPIENT'S GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION AND THE RECIPIENT WAS**  
27 **AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.**

28 2-145.

29 (a) An applicant for a direct wine shipper's permit **OR A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY**  
30 **PERMIT** shall:

1 (1) submit to the Executive Director a completed application on a form that  
2 the Executive Director provides;

3 (2) provide to the Executive Director a copy of the applicant's current  
4 **MANUFACTURER'S** license;

5 (3) identify the wines manufactured by the applicant that the applicant  
6 intends to ship [into] **OR DELIVER TO A CONSUMER IN** the State; and

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

8 (b) The Executive Director shall issue a direct wine shipper's permit **OR A**  
9 **DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT** to each applicant who meets the requirements of this  
10 part for the permit.

11 2-146.

12 (A) A direct wine shipper's permit entitles the holder to sell wine manufactured  
13 by the holder through a holder of a common carrier permit to a consumer by receiving and  
14 filling orders that the consumer transmits by electronic or other means.

15 (B) **A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO SELL AND**  
16 **DELIVER WINE MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE**  
17 **STATE BY RECEIVING AND FILLING ORDERS THAT THE CONSUMER TRANSMITS BY**  
18 **ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEANS.**

19 2-147.

20 The term of a direct wine shipper's permit **OR A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT**  
21 is 1 year and begins on July 1.

22 2-148.

23 (a) A direct wine shipper shall:

24 (1) ensure that all containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in the  
25 State are conspicuously labeled with:

26 (i) the name of the direct wine shipper;

27 (ii) the name and address of the consumer who is the intended  
28 recipient; and

29 (iii) the words "Contains Alcohol: Signature of Person at Least 21  
30 Years of Age Required for Delivery";

1 (2) report to the Comptroller and the Executive Director information about  
2 the direct wine shipper's wine shipments, in a manner that the Comptroller and the  
3 Executive Director determine;

4 (3) file a quarterly tax return in accordance with § 5-201(d) of the Tax –  
5 General Article;

6 (4) pay quarterly to the Comptroller all sales taxes and excise taxes due on  
7 sales to consumers in the State and calculate the taxes as if the sale were made in the State;

8 (5) maintain for 3 years complete and accurate records of all information  
9 needed to verify compliance with this part;

10 (6) allow the Comptroller and the Executive Director to perform an audit  
11 of the direct wine shipper's records on request; and

12 (7) consent to the jurisdiction of the Comptroller, the Executive Director,  
13 or other State unit and the State courts concerning enforcement of this section and any  
14 related law.

15 (b) A direct wine shipper may not:

16 (1) ship more than 18 9-liter cases of wine each year to a single delivery  
17 address; or

18 (2) cause wine to be delivered on Sunday to an address in the State.

19 **2-148.1.**

20 **(A) A DIRECT WINE DELIVERER SHALL:**

21 **(1) ENSURE THAT ANY CONTAINER CONTAINING WINE DELIVERED**  
22 **DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE STATE IS:**

23 **(I) CONSPICUOUSLY LABELED WITH:**

24 **1. THE NAME OF THE MANUFACTURER;**

25 **2. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSUMER WHO IS**  
26 **THE INTENDED RECIPIENT; AND**

27 **3. THE WORDS "CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF**  
28 **PERSON AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY"; AND**

29 **(II) COMMERCIALY SEALED BY THE MANUFACTURER;**

1           **(2) REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFORMATION ABOUT**  
2 **THE DELIVERIES, IN A MANNER THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DETERMINES;**

3           **(3) FILE A QUARTERLY TAX RETURN IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
4 **5-201(D) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE;**

5           **(4) PAY QUARTERLY TO THE COMPTROLLER ALL SALES TAXES AND**  
6 **EXCISE TAXES DUE ON SALES TO CONSUMERS IN THE STATE;**

7           **(5) MAINTAIN FOR 3 YEARS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF**  
8 **ALL INFORMATION NEEDED TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PART; AND**

9           **(6) ALLOW THE COMPTROLLER OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO**  
10 **PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE PERMIT HOLDER’S RECORDS ON REQUEST.**

11           **(B) THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT MAY NOT CAUSE**  
12 **MORE THAN 18 9-LITER CASES OF WINE TO BE DELIVERED TO A SINGLE ADDRESS IN**  
13 **A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR.**

14 2-149.

15           (a) A direct wine shipper may renew its direct wine shipper’s permit each year if  
16 the direct wine shipper:

17           (1) is otherwise entitled to have a direct wine shipper’s permit;

18           (2) provides to the Executive Director a copy of its current permit;

19           (3) identifies the wines manufactured by the direct wine shipper that the  
20 direct wine shipper intends to ship into the State; and

21           (4) pays to the Executive Director a renewal fee of \$200.

22           (b) The Executive Director may deny a renewal application of a direct wine  
23 shipper who fails to:

24           (1) file a tax return required under this part;

25           (2) pay a fee or tax when due; or

26           (3) after receiving notice, comply with this article or a regulation that the  
27 Comptroller or Executive Director adopts.

28 2-149.1.



1           **(A) A DIRECT WINE DELIVERER MAY RENEW ITS DIRECT WINE DELIVERY**  
2 **PERMIT EACH YEAR IF THE DIRECT WINE DELIVERER:**

3                   **(1) IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO HOLD A DIRECT WINE DELIVERY**  
4 **PERMIT;**

5                   **(2) PROVIDES TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE**  
6 **COMPTROLLER A COPY OF ITS CURRENT PERMIT; AND**

7                   **(3) PAYS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR A RENEWAL FEE OF \$200.**

8           **(B) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY DENY A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A**  
9 **DIRECT WINE DELIVERY PERMIT IF THE HOLDER FAILS TO:**

10                   **(1) FILE A TAX RETURN REQUIRED UNDER THIS PART;**

11                   **(2) PAY A FEE OR TAX WHEN DUE; OR**

12                   **(3) AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE, COMPLY WITH THIS ARTICLE OR A**  
13 **REGULATION THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADOPTS UNDER THIS ARTICLE.**

14 2–150.

15           (a) To receive a direct shipment **OR DIRECT DELIVERY** of wine, a consumer in  
16 the State shall be at least 21 years old.

17           (b) A person who receives a shipment **OR DELIVERY** of wine shall use the  
18 shipment for personal consumption only and may not resell the shipment **OR DELIVERY**.

19 2–151.

20           (a) There is a common carrier permit.

21           (b) A holder of a common carrier permit may deliver [wine] **ALCOHOLIC**  
22 **BEVERAGES** from a location inside or outside the State to a consumer in the State for the  
23 consumer's personal use under this [part] **SUBTITLE**.

24           (c) A person shall be issued a common carrier permit before the person may  
25 engage in transporting:

26                   **(1) wine from a direct wine shipper to a consumer;**

27                   **(2) BEER FROM A DIRECT BEER SHIPPER TO A CONSUMER; OR**

1           **(3) LIQUOR FROM A DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER TO A CONSUMER.**

2           (d) The term of a common carrier permit is 1 year and begins on July 1.

3           (e) To complete delivery of a shipment, the common carrier shall require from a  
4 consumer at the address listed on the shipping label:

5               (1) the signature of the consumer or another individual at the address who  
6 is at least 21 years old; and

7               (2) government-issued photographic identification showing that the  
8 signing individual is at least 21 years old.

9           (f) A common carrier shall refuse delivery when the intended receiving individual  
10 appears to be under the age of 21 years or refuses to present valid identification.

11           (g) At the time of initial application for a common carrier permit and on request  
12 of the Executive Director, a common carrier shall submit to the Executive Director  
13 information concerning the training of its drivers in verifying the age of recipients of direct  
14 wine shipments, **DIRECT BEER SHIPMENTS, OR DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPMENTS** under this  
15 **[part] SUBTITLE**.

16           (h) At least once each year, in a manner acceptable to the Executive Director, a  
17 holder of a common carrier permit shall verify that the shipper of wine, **BEER, OR LIQUOR**  
18 into the State under this part holds a valid direct wine shipper's permit, **DIRECT BEER**  
19 **SHIPPER'S PERMIT, OR DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER'S PERMIT**.

20           (i) A holder of a common carrier permit that delivers **[wine solely] ALCOHOLIC**  
21 **BEVERAGES** under this **[part] SUBTITLE** may not be required to obtain a transportation  
22 permit issued under § 2-118 or § 2-119 of this subtitle in addition to the common carrier  
23 permit.

24           (j) The permit fee is \$100.

25 2-152.

26           (a) A common carrier shall report quarterly to the Executive Director:

27               (1) the date of each delivery of **[wine] ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** in the  
28 State; and

29               (2) the name and address of:

30                       **(I) the direct wine shipper, THE DIRECT BEER SHIPPER, OR THE**  
31 **DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER;** and

1 (II) the receiving consumer of each delivery.

2 (b) A common carrier shall maintain for 3 years complete and accurate records of  
3 all information needed to verify compliance with this part.

4 2-153.

5 A person without a direct wine shipper's permit may not ship wine directly to a  
6 consumer in the State.

7 2-154.

8 Each violation of this part is a separate violation.

9 **2-165. RESERVED.**

10 **2-166. RESERVED.**

11 **PART VIII. DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER BEER AND LIQUOR SHIPPING AND DELIVERY.**

12 **2-167.**

13 (A) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
14 INDICATED.

15 (B) "COMMON CARRIER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 2-142 OF THIS  
16 SUBTITLE.

17 (C) "DIRECT BEER DELIVERER" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT BEER  
18 DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART.

19 (D) "DIRECT BEER SHIPPER" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT BEER  
20 SHIPPER'S PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART.

21 (E) "DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERER" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT  
22 LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART.

23 (F) "DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER" MEANS THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT LIQUOR  
24 SHIPPER'S PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART.

25 (G) "PERMIT" MEANS A DIRECT BEER DELIVERY PERMIT, DIRECT BEER  
26 SHIPPER'S PERMIT, DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT, OR DIRECT LIQUOR  
27 SHIPPER'S PERMIT ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNDER THIS PART.

1 **2-168.**

2 (A) BEFORE A MANUFACTURER MAY ENGAGE IN DELIVERING BEER  
3 DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE STATE, THE MANUFACTURER SHALL BE ISSUED A  
4 DIRECT BEER DELIVERY PERMIT.

5 (B) BEFORE A MANUFACTURER MAY ENGAGE IN DELIVERING LIQUOR  
6 DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE STATE, THE MANUFACTURER SHALL BE ISSUED  
7 A DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT.

8 **2-169.**

9 (A) (1) TO QUALIFY FOR A DIRECT BEER DELIVERY PERMIT, AN  
10 APPLICANT SHALL BE:

11 (I) A PERSON LICENSED IN THE STATE TO ENGAGE IN THE  
12 MANUFACTURE OF BEER; AND

13 (II) A HOLDER OF A CLASS 7 LIMITED BEER WHOLESALER'S  
14 LICENSE.

15 (2) THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT BEER DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED  
16 UNDER § 2-170 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY SELL AND DELIVER A PRODUCT PRODUCED  
17 UNDER THE HOLDER'S LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE STATE IF:

18 (I) THE DELIVERY IS MADE BY AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS:

19 1. AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND

20 2. CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS  
21 PROGRAM;

22 (II) THE PURCHASER, OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 21  
23 YEARS OLD DESIGNATED BY THE PURCHASER, IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT TO RECEIVE  
24 THE BEER AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF DELIVERY;

25 (III) THE PURCHASER PAYS FOR THE PURCHASE AT THE TIME OF  
26 ORDER; AND

27 (IV) THE DIRECT BEER DELIVERER AND THE INDIVIDUAL  
28 RECEIVING THE DELIVERY EACH ENDORSE A DELIVERY FORM THAT THE EXECUTIVE  
29 DIRECTOR APPROVES CERTIFYING THAT THE DIRECT BEER DELIVERER EXAMINED

1 THE RECIPIENT'S GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION AND THE RECIPIENT WAS  
2 AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.

3 (B) TO QUALIFY FOR A DIRECT BEER SHIPPER'S PERMIT, AN APPLICANT  
4 SHALL BE:

5 (1) IF SHIPPING FROM A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE STATE, THE  
6 HOLDER OF A NONRESIDENT BREWERY PERMIT; OR

7 (2) IF SHIPPING FROM A LOCATION INSIDE THE STATE:

8 (I) A PERSON LICENSED IN THE STATE TO ENGAGE IN THE  
9 MANUFACTURE OF BEER; AND

10 (II) A HOLDER OF A CLASS 7 LIMITED BEER WHOLESALER'S  
11 LICENSE.

12 (C) (1) TO QUALIFY FOR A DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT, AN  
13 APPLICANT SHALL BE:

14 (I) A PERSON ISSUED A LICENSE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
15 IN THE STATE TO ENGAGE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF LIQUOR; AND

16 (II) A HOLDER OF A CLASS 8 LIMITED WHOLESALER'S LICENSE.

17 (2) THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED  
18 UNDER § 2-170 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY SELL AND DELIVER A PRODUCT PRODUCED  
19 UNDER THE HOLDER'S LICENSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE STATE IF:

20 (I) THE DELIVERY IS MADE BY AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS:

21 1. AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND

22 2. CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ALCOHOL AWARENESS  
23 PROGRAM;

24 (II) THE PURCHASER, OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 21  
25 YEARS OLD DESIGNATED BY THE PURCHASER, IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT TO RECEIVE  
26 THE LIQUOR AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF DELIVERY;

27 (III) THE PURCHASER PAYS FOR THE PURCHASE AT THE TIME OF  
28 ORDER; AND



1           **(4) A DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER'S PERMIT.**

2   **2-171.**

3           **(A) A DIRECT BEER DELIVERY PERMIT ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO SELL AND**  
4 **DELIVER BEER MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE**  
5 **STATE BY RECEIVING AND FILLING ORDERS THAT THE CONSUMER TRANSMITS BY**  
6 **ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEANS.**

7           **(B) A DIRECT BEER SHIPPER'S PERMIT ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO SELL**  
8 **BEER MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER THROUGH A HOLDER OF A COMMON**  
9 **CARRIER PERMIT TO A CONSUMER BY RECEIVING AND FILLING ORDERS THAT THE**  
10 **CONSUMER TRANSMITS BY ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEANS.**

11           **(C) A DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO SELL**  
12 **AND DELIVER LIQUOR MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER**  
13 **IN THE STATE BY RECEIVING AND FILLING ORDERS THAT THE CONSUMER**  
14 **TRANSMITS BY ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEANS.**

15           **(D) A DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER'S PERMIT ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO SELL**  
16 **LIQUOR MANUFACTURED BY THE HOLDER THROUGH A HOLDER OF A COMMON**  
17 **CARRIER PERMIT TO A CONSUMER BY RECEIVING AND FILLING ORDERS THAT THE**  
18 **CONSUMER TRANSMITS BY ELECTRONIC OR OTHER MEANS.**

19   **2-172.**

20           **THE TERM OF A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART IS 1 YEAR AND BEGINS ON**  
21 **JULY 1.**

22   **2-173.**

23           **(A) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A PERMIT UNDER THIS PART SHALL:**

24                   **(1) ENSURE THAT ANY CONTAINER CONTAINING AN ALCOHOLIC**  
25 **BEVERAGE DELIVERED OR SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO A CONSUMER IN THE STATE IS:**

26                           **(I) CONSPICUOUSLY LABELED WITH:**

27                                   **1. THE NAME OF THE MANUFACTURER;**

28                                   **2. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSUMER WHO IS**  
29 **THE INTENDED RECIPIENT; AND**

1                   **3. THE WORDS “CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF**  
2 **PERSON AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY”; AND**

3                   **(II) COMMERCIALY SEALED BY THE MANUFACTURER;**

4                   **(2) REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFORMATION ABOUT**  
5 **THE SHIPMENTS OR DELIVERIES, IN A MANNER THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
6 **DETERMINES;**

7                   **(3) FILE A QUARTERLY TAX RETURN IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**  
8 **5-201(D) OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE;**

9                   **(4) PAY QUARTERLY TO THE COMPTROLLER ALL SALES TAXES AND**  
10 **EXCISE TAXES DUE ON SALES TO CONSUMERS IN THE STATE AND CALCULATE THE**  
11 **TAXES AS IF THE SALE WERE MADE IN THE STATE;**

12                   **(5) MAINTAIN FOR 3 YEARS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF**  
13 **ALL INFORMATION NEEDED TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PART;**

14                   **(6) ALLOW THE COMPTROLLER OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO**  
15 **PERFORM AN AUDIT OF THE PERMIT HOLDER’S RECORDS ON REQUEST; AND**

16                   **(7) CONSENT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,**  
17 **COMPTROLLER, OR OTHER STATE UNIT AND THE STATE COURTS CONCERNING**  
18 **ENFORCEMENT OF THIS PART AND ANY RELATED LAW.**

19                   **(B) (1) THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT BEER DELIVERY PERMIT OR A DIRECT**  
20 **BEER SHIPPER’S PERMIT MAY NOT CAUSE MORE THAN 3,456 OUNCES OF BEER TO BE**  
21 **DELIVERED TO A SINGLE DELIVERY ADDRESS IN A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR.**

22                   **(2) THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT LIQUOR DELIVERY PERMIT OR A**  
23 **DIRECT LIQUOR SHIPPER’S PERMIT MAY NOT CAUSE MORE THAN 24 STANDARD**  
24 **750-MILLILITER BOTTLES OF LIQUOR, OR AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT, TO BE**  
25 **DELIVERED TO A SINGLE DELIVERY ADDRESS IN A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR.**

26 **2-174.**

27                   **(A) A HOLDER OF A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART MAY RENEW THE**  
28 **PERMIT EACH YEAR IF THE HOLDER:**

29                   **(1) IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO HOLD A PERMIT UNDER THIS PART;**





1 (1) a manufacturer, wholesaler, or nonresident winery permit holder who  
2 sells or delivers beer or wine to retailers in the State to post security for the alcoholic  
3 beverage tax:

4 (i) in an amount not less than:

5 1. \$1,000 for beer; and

6 2. \$1,000 for wine; and

7 (ii) if the alcoholic beverage tax on beer and wine paid in any 1  
8 month exceeds \$1,000, in an additional amount at least equal to the excess;

9 (2) a manufacturer or wholesaler who sells or delivers any distilled spirits  
10 or any wine and distilled spirits in the State to post a security for the alcoholic beverage  
11 tax:

12 (i) in an amount not less than \$5,000; and

13 (ii) in an additional amount:

14 1. equal to twice the amount of its largest monthly alcoholic  
15 beverage tax liability for wine and distilled spirits in the preceding calendar year less  
16 \$5,000; or

17 2. if the information for the preceding calendar year is not  
18 available or cannot be provided, equal to the amount that the Comptroller requires; and

19 (3) except as provided in subsection (i) of this section, a holder of a direct  
20 wine shipper's permit, **DIRECT BEER SHIPPER'S PERMIT, OR DIRECT LIQUOR**  
21 **SHIPPER'S PERMIT** to post security for the alcoholic beverage tax in an amount not less  
22 than \$1,000.

23 (i) A person need not post security under subsection (b)(3) of this section if:

24 (1) the person is a manufacturer that has posted security under subsection  
25 (b)(2) of this section; or

26 (2) at any time starting 3 years after the Comptroller first issues a direct  
27 wine shipper's permit to the person, the Comptroller:

28 (i) determines that the person has a substantial record of tax and  
29 reporting compliance; and

30 (ii) waives the security requirement.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
2 as follows:

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

4 2–202.

5 (a) There is a Class 1 distillery license.

6 (c) A license holder may:

7 (1) establish and operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, blending, and  
8 bottling, at the location described in the license:

9 (i) brandy;

10 (ii) rum;

11 (iii) whiskey;

12 (iv) alcohol; and

13 (v) neutral spirits;

14 (2) sell and deliver the alcoholic beverages:

15 (i) in bulk to a person in the State that is authorized to acquire  
16 them; and

17 (ii) to a person outside the State that is authorized to acquire them;

18 (3) manufacture an alcoholic beverage listed in item (1) of this subsection  
19 in the name of another person or under a trade name if the other person or trade name also  
20 holds a Class 1 distillery license;

21 (4) acquire alcoholic beverages from the holder of a manufacturer's license  
22 or wholesaler's license or nonresident dealer's permit for use in manufacturing;

23 (5) (i) conduct guided tours of the licensed premises;

24 (ii) at no cost or for a fee, serve to an individual who has attained the  
25 legal drinking age and participated in a guided tour of the licensed premises, not more than  
26 2 ounces of products, with each product sample consisting of not more than one-half ounce  
27 from a single product manufactured by the license holder;

28 (iii) serve samples blended with other products manufactured by the  
29 license holder or nonalcoholic ingredients; and

1 (iv) sell [not more than 2.25 liters of] products manufactured on the  
2 licensed premises, for off-premises consumption, and related merchandise to an individual  
3 who has attained the legal drinking age [and participated in a guided tour of the licensed  
4 premises]; and

5 (6) subject to subsection (i) of this section, sell liquor manufactured by the  
6 license holder that is mixed with other nonalcoholic ingredients.

7 2-207.

8 (b) There is a Class 5 brewery license.

9 (c) A license holder may:

10 (1) establish and operate a plant for brewing and bottling malt beverages  
11 at the location described in the license;

12 (2) import beer from a holder of a nonresident dealer's permit;

13 (3) contract to brew and bottle beer with and on behalf of the holder of a  
14 Class 2 rectifying license, Class 5 brewery license, Class 7 micro-brewery license, Class 8  
15 farm brewery license, or a nonresident dealer's permit;

16 (4) sell and deliver beer to:

17 (i) a holder of a wholesaler's license that is authorized to acquire  
18 beer; or

19 (ii) a person outside of the State that is authorized to acquire beer;

20 (5) subject to subsection (i) of this section, serve, at the location described  
21 in the license and at no charge, samples of beer, consisting of a total of not more than 18  
22 ounces of beer per visit, to an individual who:

23 (i) has attained the legal drinking age; and

24 (ii) is participating in a guided tour of the brewery or attends a  
25 scheduled promotional event or other organized activity at the brewery;

26 (6) subject to subsections (d) and (i) of this section, sell beer for  
27 off-premises consumption at the location described in the license, at retail in a container  
28 other than a keg to an individual who has attained legal drinking age;

29 (7) subject to subsection (f) of this section, sell beer at the location described  
30 in the license for on-premises consumption; and

1           (8)    brew and bottle malt beverages at a location listed on a permit issued  
2 to the license holder in accordance with § 2-113 of this title.

3           (d)    An individual may purchase beer under subsection (c)(6) of this section if the  
4 individual]:

5           (1)    purchases not more than 288 ounces of beer per visit; and

6           (2)]   has attained the legal drinking age.

7           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take  
8 effect July 1, 2024, the effective date of Chapter 594 of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
9 2023. If the effective date of Chapter 594 is amended, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect  
10 on the taking effect of Chapter 594.

11           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this  
12 Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.