

Chapter 71

(Senate Bill 448)

AN ACT concerning

Talbot County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wineries

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that limit the wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries in Talbot County; clarifying that the statewide wine sampling privileges of licensed wineries apply in Talbot County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Talbot County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 2–204(1) and (2)(v) and 2–205(b)(1), (5)(ii), and (7)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8–410

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2011 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

2–204.

A Class 3 manufacturer's license:

(1) Is a winery license; and

(2) Authorizes the holder to:

(v) Serve at no charge not more than 6 ounces of wines made at the licensed facility to a person who is participating in a guided tour of the facility, provided the person has attained the Maryland legal drinking age.

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(b) (1) There is a Class 4 limited winery license.

(5) A licensee may:

(ii) In an amount not exceeding 2 fluid ounces per brand, provide samples of wine and pomace brandy that the licensee produces to a consumer:

1. At no charge; or
2. For a fee; and

(7) Subject to paragraph (8) of this subsection, a licensee may conduct the activities specified in paragraph (5) of this subsection:

(i) For consumption of wine and pomace brandy off the licensed premises and for sampling, each day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and

[8–410.

(a) In Talbot County, the holder of a Class 3 or a Class 4 wine license may provide samples of wine to persons visiting the licensed premises.

(b) The wine sampling privilege authorizes the holder to serve a maximum of 2 ounces of wine that is manufactured on the premises to each person for sampling purposes.

(c) The wine sample shall be served and consumed on the premises where the wine is manufactured.

(d) The holder may not charge for the sampling.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.