

Chapter 432

(Senate Bill 620)

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – ~~Sales at Winery Special Events~~  
Wineries – Special Event Permits**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in Washington County to sell beer, light wine produced at the winery or at another winery, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a special event that is approved by the Board of License Commissioners~~ establishing a special event permit in Washington County; authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in the county to sell beer, wine produced by the holder, and liquor for on-premises consumption at certain events; requiring the permit holder to notify the Board of License Commissioners on or before a certain time before using the permit; establishing a certain limit on the number of times the permit may be used; providing for a certain permit fee; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to sales of alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 31-102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 31-401 ~~and 31-701~~  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 31-402.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

31-102.

This title applies only in Washington County.

31-401.

(a) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county without exception or variation:

- (1) § 2-201 (“Issuance by Comptroller”);
- (2) § 2-202 (“Class 1 distillery license”);
- (3) § 2-203 (“Class 9 limited distillery license”);
- (4) § 2-204 (“Class 2 rectifying license”);
- (5) [§ 2-205 (“Class 3 winery license”);
- (6) § 2-206 (“Class 4 limited winery license”);
- (7)] § 2-207 (“Class 5 brewery license”);
- [(8)] **(6)** § 2-210 (“Class 8 farm brewery license”);
- [(9)] **(7)** § 2-211 (“Residency requirement”);
- [(10)] **(8)** § 2-212 (“Additional licenses”);
- [(11)] **(9)** § 2-213 (“Additional fees”);
- [(12)] **(10)** § 2-214 (“Sale or delivery restricted”);
- [(13)] **(11)** § 2-216 (“Interaction between manufacturing entities and retailers”);
- [(14)] **(12)** § 2-217 (“Distribution of alcoholic beverages — Prohibited practices”); and
- [(15)] **(13)** § 2-218 (“Restrictive agreements between producers and retailers — Prohibited”).

(b) The following sections of Title 2, Subtitle 2 (“Manufacturer’s Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

- (1) § 2-205 (“CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO § 31-402.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

**(2) § 2-206 (“CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE”), SUBJECT TO § 31-402.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

**[(1)] (3) § 2-208 (“Class 6 pub-brewery license”), subject to § 31-403 of this subtitle;**

**[(2)] (4) § 2-209 (“Class 7 micro-brewery license”), subject to § 31-404 of this subtitle; and**

**[(3)] (5) § 2-215 (“Beer sale on credit to retail dealer prohibited”), subject to § 31-405 of this subtitle.**

**31-402.1.**

~~**AT A SPECIAL EVENT SUCH AS A WEDDING RECEPTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVES, A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE OR A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE MAY SELL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, LIGHT WINE PRODUCED AT THE WINERY OR AT ANOTHER WINERY, AND LIQUOR.**~~

~~31-701.~~

~~(a) There is a Class A light wine license in the county.~~

~~(b) The license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license.~~

~~(c) (1) The license authorized the license holder to sell at retail at the place described in the license light wine produced at the winery.~~

~~(2) Light wine shall be sold in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises.~~

~~**(D) AT A SPECIAL EVENT SUCH AS A WEDDING RECEPTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVES, THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, LIGHT WINE PRODUCED AT THE WINERY OR AT ANOTHER WINERY, AND LIQUOR.**~~

~~[(d)] (E) The annual license fee is \$50.~~

**(A) THERE IS A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

**(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE OR A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.**

**(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BEER, WINE PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER, AND LIQUOR AT:**

**(1) AN EVENT FOR WHICH THE ENTIRE LICENSED PREMISES HAS BEEN RENTED; OR**

**(2) AN EVENT THAT THE BOARD APPROVES.**

**(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER WHO INTENDS TO USE THE PERMIT SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT IS TO OCCUR.**

**(E) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY USE THE PERMIT NOT MORE THAN 60 TIMES IN A YEAR.**

**(F) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$1,000.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**