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By: **Delegate W. Miller**

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Thresholds for Tasting**

3 **Ho. Co. 19–17**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a  
5 holder of a beer and wine tasting license in Howard County may serve for on–premises  
6 consumption; altering certain thresholds for the amount of alcoholic beverages that a  
7 holder of a beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in Howard County may serve for  
8 on–premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in  
9 Howard County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
12 Section 23–102  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
17 Section 23–1307 and 23–1308  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 23–102.

5 This title applies only in Howard County.

6 23–1307.

7 (a) There is a beer and wine tasting (BWT) license.

8 (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor  
9 (BWL) license or Class A beer and wine (BW) license.

10 (c) The license authorizes the holder to allow the on–premises consumption, for  
11 tasting, of:

12 (1) beer; or

13 (2) wine containing not more than 15.5% of alcohol by volume.

14 (d) A license holder may serve:

15 (1) wine in a quantity of not more than [1 ounce] **2 OUNCES** from each  
16 offering and not more than [4] **8** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day; or

17 (2) beer in a quantity of not more than [3] **6** ounces from each offering and  
18 not more than [8] **16** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day.

19 (e) In addition to the fee of any other alcoholic beverages license, the annual  
20 license fee is \$100.

21 23–1308.

22 (a) There is a beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWLTL) license.

1 (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor  
2 (BWL) license.

3 (c) The license authorizes the holder to allow the on-premises consumption, for  
4 tasting, of:

5 (1) beer;

6 (2) wine containing not more than 15.5% of alcohol by volume; or

7 (3) liquor.

8 (d) A license holder may serve:

9 (1) wine in a quantity of not more than [1 ounce] **2 OUNCES** from each  
10 offering and not more than [4] **8** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day;

11 (2) beer in a quantity of not more than [3] **6** ounces from each offering and  
12 not more than [8] **16** ounces from all offerings to an individual in a day; or

13 (3) liquor in a quantity of not more than [1/4] **1/2** ounce from each offering  
14 and not more than [1 ounce] **2 OUNCES** from all offerings to an individual in a day.

15 (e) In addition to any other alcoholic beverages license fee, the annual license fee  
16 is \$100.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2017.