A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Thresholds for Tasting

Ho. Co. 19–17

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

23–102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

23–1307.

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

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

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

(1) beer; or

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

(d) A license holder may serve:

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

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

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

23–1308.

(a) There is a beer, wine, and liquor tasting (BWLT) license.
(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license.

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

(1) beer;

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

(3) liquor.

(d) A license holder may serve:

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

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

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

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

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