

(Senate Bill 456)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages - Winery Licenses

FOR the purpose of permitting the holder of a limited winery license to make wine from ~~[[any fruit]]~~; certain products ~~[[removing]]~~ changing the restriction that limited the amount of wine to be purchased from certain holders of winery licenses; removing the retail price restriction from the sale of the wine at the plant; establishing qualifications for a limited winery license; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 5~~[[(d) and]]~~ (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1968 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 5~~[[(d) and]]~~ (e) of Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and ~~[[they are]]~~ it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

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~~[[(d) A Class 3 manufacturer's license [shall be] IS designated as a winery license and [shall entitle] ENTITLES the holder to establish and operate in this State a plant for fermenting and bottling wine at the location [therein] described, to import bulk wine from the holder of a nonresident dealer's permit, and to sell and deliver wine to any wholesale licensee or permit holder in this State, or person outside of this State authorized to acquire [same] IT or to sell wine made [from products grown in Maryland at a retail price] at the plant to persons participating in a guided tour of the facility. [The purchase shall be limited to not more than one quart per person per year provided the purchaser has attained the Maryland legal drinking age.] ANY PERSON WHO HAS ATTAINED THE MARYLAND LEGAL DRINKING AGE MAY PURCHASE THE WINE.]]~~

(e) A Class 4 manufacturer's license [shall be] IS designated as a limited winery license. [[THE LICENSEE MAY SELL NOT MORE THAN 25,000 GALLONS OF WINE ANNUALLY.]] ~~[[and shall entitle]]~~ THE LICENSE ENTITLES the holder to establish and operate in this State a plant for