

Chapter 466

(House Bill 464)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Exhibition Permit

FOR the purpose of altering the national family beer and wine exhibition permit to make it the national beer, wine, and liquor exhibition permit; authorizing the Comptroller to issue the permit to a bona fide alcohol trade association; authorizing the permit holder to exhibit, judge, and taste beer, wine, and liquor under certain circumstances; authorizing the permit holder to receive for use beer, wine, and liquor from certain persons under certain circumstances; authorizing the permit holder to allow a person to possess and consume beer, wine, and liquor under certain circumstances; repealing a certain restriction on the premises for which a permit may be granted; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to national beer, wine, and liquor exhibition permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 2–139
 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

2–139.

- (a) There is a national [family] beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** exhibition permit.
- (b) The Comptroller may issue the permit to a bona fide[:
 - (1) national family wine association;
 - (2) national family beer association; or
 - (3) national family beer and wine association] **ALCOHOL TRADE ASSOCIATION.**
- (c) (1) The permit authorizes the holder to conduct [a national family beer and wine] **AN ALCOHOL** exhibition and competition at which the permit holder may exhibit,

judge, and taste beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** acquired in accordance with this section at the place designated in the permit application.

(2) The permit authorizes the holder to receive for use, exhibition, and tastings at an exhibition:

(i) tax-free family produced beer and wine;

(ii) tax-paid commercially produced[:

1.] beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** from licensed nonresident dealers or manufacturers through holders of wholesaler's licenses; [or

2. wines from Class 4 wineries;] and

(iii) commercially produced beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** from manufacturers or suppliers licensed by another state and subject to the tax imposed under § 5-102 of the Tax – General Article.

(3) The permit holder may not sell beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** at the exhibition and competition.

(4) Notwithstanding § 6-319 of this article, the permit holder may allow a person to possess and consume beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** on the premises governed by the permit as provided in this section.

(d) An exhibition may not last more than 5 days.

(e) The permit may be granted for:

(1) an unlicensed premises; or

(2) a [Class B, Class C, or Class B-D-7] licensed premises.

(f) Persons authorized to judge or participate at [a national family beer and wine] **AN ALCOHOL** exhibition include a:

(1) manufacturer;

(2) nonresident dealer;

(3) supplier;

(4) wholesaler; and

(5) representative of any of the persons listed in items (1) through (4) of this subsection.

(g) A supplier licensed by another state is not required to have a nonresident dealer's permit to ship beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** to the permit holder.

(h) (1) Within 30 days after the exhibition ends, the permit holder shall:

(i) file a report, on the forms that the Comptroller provides, of the number of gallons of commercially produced beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** that the permit holder received from suppliers that are not licensed; and

(ii) pay the tax required under § 5–102 of the Tax – General Article.

(2) The Comptroller may require the permit holder to prepay an amount sufficient to cover the anticipated tax rather than post a bond.

(i) The permit fee is \$50.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.