

# SENATE BILL 674

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By: **Senator Young**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Brewery License – On-Premises Consumption**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the total amount of beer that a brewery licensee may sell each  
4 year for on-premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in  
5 the State.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 2–206(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 2–206(b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 2–206.

20 (a) A Class 5 manufacturer’s license:

21 (1) Is a brewery license; and

22 (2) Authorizes the holder to:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Establish and operate in this State a plant for brewing and  
2 bottling malt beverages at the location described in the license;

3 (ii) Import beer from holders of nonresident dealer's permits;

4 (iii) Sell and deliver beer to any wholesale licensee in this State, or  
5 person outside of this State, authorized to acquire it; and

6 (iv) Subject to subsection (b)(2) of this section, sell beer brewed at the  
7 location described in the license for on-premises consumption.

8 (b) (1) A licensee may:

9 (i) Serve to a person of legal drinking age who participates in a  
10 guided tour of the facility or attends a scheduled promotional event or other organized  
11 activity at the licensed premises, not more than six samples of beer brewed at the licensed  
12 premises, with each sample consisting of not more than 3 ounces from a single style of beer;  
13 and

14 (ii) Sell beer brewed at the brewery for off-premises consumption to  
15 anyone who participates in a guided tour of the brewery or attends a scheduled promotional  
16 event or other organized activity at the licensed premises, subject to the following  
17 restrictions:

18 1. The purchase is limited to 288 ounces of beer per person;  
19 and

20 2. The person has attained the legal drinking age.

21 (2) (i) A local licensing board shall grant an on-site consumption  
22 permit to an applicant that holds a Class 5 manufacturer's license and, subject to  
23 subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, a Class D beer license.

24 (ii) An on-site consumption permit entitles the holder to sell beer  
25 brewed at the brewery for on-premises consumption to persons that have attained the legal  
26 drinking age.

27 (iii) Before a local licensing board that does not issue a Class D beer  
28 license may grant an on-site consumption permit, the local licensing board shall:

29 1. Establish an equivalent license; and

30 2. Require that the applicant obtain that license.

31 (iv) The total amount of beer sold each year for on-premises  
32 consumption under this paragraph may not exceed [500] **1,500** barrels.

1 (v) A local licensing board may:

2 1. Charge a fee for granting an on-site consumption permit;

3 and

4 2. Require that the holder of the permit or an employee  
5 designated by the holder comply with the alcohol awareness training requirements under  
6 § 13-101 of this article.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
8 1, 2015.