



**LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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**WINE CORKAGE AUTHORITY APPLICATION**

Corporate/L.L.C. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To the Commissioners of the Liquor Control Board for Harford County, Maryland:**

Application is made by the undersigned licensee(s) under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages (AB) Article, § 4-1102 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, for authority to permit wine corkage to occur on the described license premises.

**We/I understand the regulations outlined in the attached information sheet and all other applicable Rules and Regulations of the Harford County Liquor Control Board.**

_____ (Print Licensee's Name)	_____ (Signature of Licensee)	_____ (Date)
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_____ (Print Licensee's Name)	_____ (Signature of Licensee)	_____ (Date)

- *Wine Corkage Authority is only available to a restaurant, hotel, or club that holds a Class B or Class C License.*
- *All Alcoholic Beverage Laws and Board Rules & Regulations must be adhered to when exercising this authority.*

**For Office Use Only:**

Received By HCLCB: Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved By HCLCB: Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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### WINE CORKAGE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS BUSINESS

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- The Harford County Liquor Control Board may authorize a restaurant, hotel, or club that holds a Class B or Class C alcoholic beverage license to allow a patron to bring personal wine onto the licensed premises for consumption under certain conditions.
- The Licensee must apply by completing and submitting the application to the Harford County Liquor Control Board.
- There is no additional charge to the Licensee for this permit. The approved permit must be publicly displayed at the licensed premises.

#### WINE CORKAGE AUTHORITY PROCEDURES

*(Per AB §4-1102)*

- The Licensee must authorize the individual to take the alcohol onto the licensed premises. It is suggested that the licensed facility post a conspicuous sign indicating the facility's rules regarding individual wine corkage.
- The individual consumer must be at least 21 years of age or older. Keep in mind that consumption by any person under age or by persons who appear intoxicated will each be considered separate violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws of the State of Maryland as if the Licensee has provided the wine. Parents may not allow children to drink in a restaurant even though the parent supplied the wine.
- The patron must order a meal in order to consume the personal wine.
- The wine brought on the licensed premises under the wine corkage permit must not be available for purchase on the Licensee's wine list.
- The hours that wine corkage may occur are the same hours specified by the license.
- The Licensee may charge a corkage fee, to which the **9% Sales Tax** must be applied.
- The Licensee must either dispose of any wine that remains after the meal, or the unused wine may be removed by the individual from the licensed premises if the bottle is re-corked or capped. *A bottle that has been opened and is removed from the facility is considered an "open container" for purposes of a violation of the open container provisions of the Criminal Law Article.*
- **The Licensee does not have to allow this privilege.**
- This does not change the statutory prohibition against BYOB in Harford County. The Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB § 22-2501) of the Annotated Code of Maryland prohibits consumers from bringing alcoholic beverages onto unlicensed premises.