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Licensure, Regulation and Education

Refillable Beer Container "Beer Growler" Requirements

General Provisions

1. The Board of License Commissioners may issue a refillable beer container permit authorizing the holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container commonly called a "growler."
2. The growler authority is available to holders of a Class B, D or BD license that entitles the holder to sell beer or wine for off-premises consumption. See § 25-1103 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
3. License holders can apply by completing the application and submitting it to the Board of License Commissioners. Once approved, a new license will be issued indicating "Beer Growler Authority."
4. The term of the permit and the hours of sale for beer growlers are the same as the respective alcohol beverages license.
5. There is no additional charge to the business for this permit.

Refillable Beer Container Procedures

The container must:

1. Have a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces;
2. Be sealable;
3. Bear the federal health warning statement;
4. Display instructions for the consumer to clean the container; and
5. Bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer and that the contents are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.