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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages**
3 **(Baltimore Wine Festival)**

4 FOR the purpose of creating a Baltimore Wine Festival in Baltimore City; creating a
5 special alcoholic beverages license for the Festival; limiting the license to the sale
6 and display of wine that is produced and processed in Maryland; providing for the
7 qualifications of an applicant and the scope of the license; providing a time period
8 for the Festival; mandating that the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners
9 adopt regulations regarding the implementation of this Act; and generally relating
10 to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

11 BY renumbering

12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 8-302 through 8-304.1 and 8-305 through 8-311, respectively
14 to be Section 8-303 through 8-313, respectively
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1996 Replacement Volume)

17 BY adding to

18 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 8-302
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1996 Replacement Volume)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8-302 through 8-304.1 and 8-305 through 8-311,

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1 respectively, of Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be
2 renumbered to be Section(s) 8-303 through 8-313, respectively.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
4 read as follows:

5 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

6 8-302.

7 (A) THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A
8 SPECIAL BALTIMORE WINE FESTIVAL (BWF) LICENSE.

9 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN APPLICANT FOR
10 A SPECIAL BWF LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF AN EXISTING STATE RETAIL
11 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, STATE CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE, OR STATE
12 CLASS 4 WINERY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

13 (C) A SPECIAL BWF LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO DISPLAY AND SELL
14 AT RETAIL WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSE PREMISES ON THE
15 DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE BALTIMORE WINE FESTIVAL IN
16 BALTIMORE CITY.

17 (D) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$15.

18 (E) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSEE
19 FROM HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT
20 CLASS OR NATURE.

21 (F) THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:

22 (1) MAY SELECT ONE WEEKEND ANNUALLY FOR THE BALTIMORE WINE
23 FESTIVAL; AND

24 (2) SHALL CHOOSE A LOCATION IN BALTIMORE CITY FOR THIS
25 FESTIVAL WHICH DOES NOT HOLD AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

26 (G) THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL
27 ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 July 1, 1997.