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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

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CHAPTER 199

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Special Beer Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick  
4 County to issue a special beer festival license; specifying the scope of the license;  
5 establishing a certain fee; specifying certain requirements imposed on  
6 applicants for the license; requiring the Board to approve the time and location  
7 for the special beer festival under certain conditions; requiring the Board to  
8 ensure the primary focus of the festival; requiring the Board to adopt certain  
9 regulations for a certain purpose; providing that this Act does not prohibit a  
10 licensee from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or  
11 nature; defining a certain term; and generally relating to special beer festival  
12 licenses in Frederick County.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 8-803  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

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**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 8-803.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE  
4 COMMISSIONERS FOR FREDERICK COUNTY.

5 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE.

6 (C) A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO DISPLAY  
7 AND SELL AT RETAIL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES  
8 ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL  
9 IN FREDERICK COUNTY.

10 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN  
11 APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE THE HOLDER OF A  
12 CURRENT RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE, A CLASS 5  
13 BREWERY LICENSE, OR A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE.

14 (E) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$15.

15 (F) THE BOARD SHALL:

16 (1) APPROVE ONE WEEKEND ANNUALLY FOR THE SPECIAL BEER  
17 FESTIVAL THAT DOES NOT FALL ON THE DATES CHOSEN FOR THE CUMBERLAND AND  
18 SHENANDOAH VALLEY WINE FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY OR THE MARYLAND  
19 WINE FESTIVAL IN CARROLL COUNTY;

20 (2) APPROVE A NONLICENSED PREMISES IN FREDERICK COUNTY FOR  
21 THE SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL; AND

22 (3) ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL BEER  
23 FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER.

24 (G) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSEE FROM HOLDING  
25 ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS OR NATURE.

26 (H) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 June 1, 2003.

