

# HOUSE BILL 413

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a special wine festival (WF) license in Washington  
4 County; requiring that an applicant for a special WF license must be a holder of  
5 a certain other license; specifying that a holder of a special WF license may  
6 display and sell wine in a certain manner; requiring the Washington County  
7 Board of License Commissioners to assure that the primary focus of the Festival  
8 is the promotion of Maryland wine; requiring a holder of a special WF license to  
9 display and sell certain wine; providing for a license fee; providing that this Act  
10 does not prohibit the holder of a special WF license from holding another  
11 alcoholic beverages license; authorizing the Board to choose certain weekends  
12 for festivals; requiring the Board to choose certain locations for the festivals;  
13 requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; defining certain terms; and  
14 generally relating to wine in Washington County.

15 BY renumbering

16 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

17 Section 8–313.1

18 to be Section 8–313.2

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

23 Section 8–313.1

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
27 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8–313.1 of Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages of the  
28 Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 8–313.2.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 **8–313.1.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
6 MEANINGS INDICATED.

7 (2) “BOARD” MEANS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

9 (3) “FESTIVAL” MEANS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY WINE  
10 FESTIVAL.

11 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

12 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL WINE FESTIVAL (WF) LICENSE.

13 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, TO  
14 BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SPECIAL WF LICENSE, AN APPLICANT MUST BE A HOLDER  
15 OF AN EXISTING STATE RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, A STATE  
16 CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE, OR A STATE CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.

17 (E) A SPECIAL WF LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO DISPLAY AND  
18 SELL AT RETAIL WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE PREMISES ON THE  
19 DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE FESTIVAL IN THE COUNTY.

20 (F) (1) THE BOARD SHALL ASSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF  
21 THE FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND WINE.

22 (2) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL WF LICENSE SHALL DISPLAY AND  
23 SELL WINE THAT IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE.

24 (G) THE SPECIAL WF LICENSE FEE IS \$20.

25 (H) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL WF  
26 LICENSE FROM HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A  
27 DIFFERENT CLASS OR NATURE.

28 (I) THE BOARD MAY CHOOSE 2 WEEKENDS ANNUALLY FOR THE  
29 FESTIVALS.

1           **(J) THE BOARD SHALL CHOOSE LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY FOR THE**  
2 **FESTIVALS THAT ARE NOT LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.**

3           **(K) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
4 **SECTION.**

5           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 2011.