

HOUSE BILL 996

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Alcoholic Beverage Board of St. Mary's County to
4 issue a special beer festival (BF) license; establishing certain requirements for
5 license applicants and for holders of special beer festival licenses; establishing a
6 certain fee; specifying that a licensee is not prohibited from holding a certain
7 other license; requiring the Alcoholic Beverage Board to approve the time and
8 location of a beer festival subject to certain limitations and to ensure a certain
9 primary focus for a beer festival; requiring the Alcoholic Beverage Board to
10 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to beer festivals in St. Mary's
11 County.

12 BY adding to

13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 8–806

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 **8–806.**

21 **(A) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY MAY**
22 **ISSUE A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL (BF) LICENSE.**

23 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, AN APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL**
24 **BF LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF AN EXISTING RETAIL ALCOHOLIC**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER, A
2 STATE CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, A STATE CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY LICENSE,
3 OR A STATE CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE.

4 (C) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL BF LICENSE SHALL DISPLAY AND SELL
5 ONLY BEER THAT IS:

6 (1) MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN ANY STATE;

7 (2) PRICE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED
8 BY THE COMPTROLLER;

9 (3) DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION
10 IS FILED; AND

11 (4) SOLD AT RETAIL ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS
12 DESIGNATED FOR THE FESTIVAL FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSED
13 PREMISES.

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

15 (E) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL BF
16 LICENSE FROM HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A
17 DIFFERENT CLASS OR NATURE.

18 (F) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
19 SHALL:

20 (1) APPROVE ONE WEEKEND ANNUALLY FOR THE BEER FESTIVAL
21 THAT DOES NOT FALL ON THE DATES CHOSEN FOR THE SOTTERLEY WINE
22 FESTIVAL;

23 (2) APPROVE A LOCATION IN HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FOR
24 THIS FESTIVAL; AND

25 (3) ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUSES OF THE FESTIVAL ARE
26 BOTH THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER AND TOURISM IN HISTORIC ST.
27 MARY'S CITY.

28 (G) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHALL
29 ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2011.