

Chapter 105

(House Bill 171)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County and Dorchester County – Winery Special Event Permits – Farmers' Markets

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue ~~a~~ winery special event ~~permit~~ permits to ~~a~~ Class 4 Maryland limited ~~winery~~ wineries in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County for unlimited use for a certain amount of time each week at certain farmers' markets in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County; and generally relating to the issuance of ~~a~~ winery special event ~~permit~~ permits for use at ~~a~~ farmers' ~~market~~ markets in St. Mary's County and Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2-101(u)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 2-101(u)(12) and (13)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

2-101.

(u) (1) The Office of the Comptroller may issue a winery special event permit to a licensed Class 4 Maryland limited winery, provided that:

(i) Except as provided in paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), [and] (11), ~~AND (12)~~ (12), AND (13) of this subsection, no more than 12 winery special event permits are issued to the Class 4 Maryland limited winery in any given calendar year;

(ii) The permit does not exceed 3 consecutive days; and

(iii) Except as provided in paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), [and] (11), ~~AND (12)~~ **(12)**, **AND (13)** of this subsection, no more than three winery special event permits are issued in any calendar year to any given limited winery for use in the same political subdivision.

(12) IN ADDITION TO THE WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CLASS 4 MARYLAND LIMITED WINERY MAY BE ISSUED A WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR UNLIMITED USE FOR 1 DAY EACH WEEK AT A FARMERS' MARKET IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY THAT IS LISTED ON THE FARMERS' MARKET DIRECTORY OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(13) IN ADDITION TO THE WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CLASS 4 MARYLAND LIMITED WINERY MAY BE ISSUED A WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR UNLIMITED USE FOR 1 DAY EACH WEEK AT A FARMERS' MARKET IN DORCHESTER COUNTY THAT IS LISTED ON THE FARMERS' MARKET DIRECTORY OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.