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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Board" means the Charles County Board of License Commissioners.

(3) "Festival" means the Charles County Beer and Wine Festival.

(b) This section applies only in Charles County.

(c) The Board may issue a special festival (CBWF) license.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an applicant for a special festival license shall be a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages license, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 limited winery license issued under this article.

(e) A special festival licensee may:

(1) Only display and sell:

(i) Wine that is:

1. Manufactured and processed in any state;

2. Price filed in accordance with regulations adopted by the Comptroller; and

3. Distributed in the State at the time the application is filed; and

(ii) Beer that is brewed by a brewer:

1. Who brews less than 60,000 barrels of beer annually; and

2. Whose product is distributed in the State at the time the application is filed;

(2) Display and sell beer and wine at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for the Festival; and

(3) Display and sell wine that is manufactured and processed in any state at retail for consumption off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for the Festival.

(f) This section does not prohibit the holder of a special festival license from

holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

(g) The Board:

(1) May establish the license fee;

(2) May select one weekend, Friday through Sunday inclusive, annually for the Festival provided that the weekend that is selected does not occur within 14 days before or after the Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll County and does not conflict with the dates chosen for the Anne Arundel County Beer and Wine Festival, the Baltimore County Wine Festival, the Calvert County Wine Festival, the Harford County Wine Festival, the Howard County Wine Festival, the Queen Anne's County Beer and Wine Festival, the Maryland Wine Festival in Somerset County, the Cumberland and Shenandoah Valley Wine Festival in Washington County, and the Worcester County Beer and Wine Festival;

(3) Shall choose a location in the county for this Festival which is not licensed under this article; and

(4) Shall assure that the primary focus of the Festival is the promotion of Maryland beer and wine.

(h) (1) Products displayed and sold shall be:

(i) Invoiced to the festival license holder by a licensed State wholesaler, winery, or limited winery; and

(ii) Delivered to the Festival from the licensed premises of the wholesaler, winery, or limited winery.

(2) Whenever a special festival license is issued under this section, holders of wholesale, winery, or limited winery licenses may enter into an agreement with the holder of a special festival license to deliver beer and wine 2 days prior to the effective date, and to accept returns 2 days after the expiration date of the special festival license.

(i) The Board shall adopt regulations for implementing this section.

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