

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§8-313.2.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
 - (2) “Board” means the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners.
 - (3) “Festival” means the Wicomico County Wine Festival.
- (b) This section applies only in Wicomico County.
- (c) The Board may issue a special WCWF license.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, to be eligible for a special WCWF license an applicant must be a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages license, a State Class 3 winery license, or a State Class 4 limited winery license.
- (e) A holder of a special WCWF license shall:
 - (1) Display and sell wine that is:
 - (i) Manufactured and processed in any state;
 - (ii) Price filed in accordance with regulations adopted by the Comptroller; and
 - (iii) Distributed in the State at the time the application is filed; and
 - (2) Display and sell wine at retail for consumption on or 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 WCWF license from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.
- (g) The special WCWF license fee is \$50 per day.
- (h) (1) The Board shall choose:
 - (i) One weekend, Friday through Sunday inclusive, annually for the Festival; and
 - (ii) A location for the Festival that is in the county but that is not licensed currently under this article.
- (2) The Board shall assure that the primary focus of the Festival is the promotion of Maryland wine.

(i) (1) Products displayed and sold at the Festival shall be:

(i) Invoiced to the holder of the special WCWF license 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 WCWF license is issued, a holder of a wholesale, winery, or limited winery license may enter into an agreement with the holder of a special WCWF license to deliver wine 2 days before the effective date of the special WCWF license and to accept returns 2 days after the expiration date of the special WCWF license.

(j) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

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