

Chapter 417

(Senate Bill 624)

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer ~~and~~ or Wine Festival (~~BWF~~)
License**

FOR the purpose of altering ~~certain provisions of law relating to a~~ the wine festival license in Calvert County to be the beer or wine festival license; establishing that beer festivals and beer and wine festivals are subject to certain authorizations and requirements applicable to wine festivals; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County to issue ~~a~~ the beer and or wine festival (~~BWF~~) license to certain alcoholic beverages license holders or a certain nonprofit organization; providing for the scope of the beer and wine festival license; requiring the Board to choose not more than a certain number of weekends each year for the beer and wine persons; providing that the primary purpose of the license is to authorize the holder to sell certain beer or wine; authorizing the Board to approve up to a certain number of weekends for beer or wine festivals per license applicant each year and requiring the Board to approve the location for a festival; and generally relating to the ~~sale of alcoholic beverages~~ beer or wine festival license in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 14–1304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (~~S.B. _____~~)(~~61r1406~~) (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

14–1304.

(a) There is a **BEER ~~AND~~ OR** wine festival [(WF)] (**BWF**) license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

(1) a holder of:

(I) a retail license authorizing the sale of **BEER ~~AND~~ OR** wine;

- (II) A Class 3 winery license, ~~for~~;
- (III) A Class 4 LIMITED winery license;
- (IV) A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE;
- (V) A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE; OR
- (VI) A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE; OR

(2) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT:

~~(I) IS SELECTED BY THE BOARD TO ORGANIZE A BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL; AND~~

~~(II) MAY CONTRACT WITH A HOLDER OF A RETAIL LICENSE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE, CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE, CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE, CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE, OR CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE TO SELL AND DISPLAY BEER AND WINE AT THE FESTIVAL AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.~~

(c) The PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE license ~~authorizes~~ IS TO AUTHORIZE the holder to display and sell BEER AND THAT IS BREWED IN THE STATE OR wine THAT IS MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN THE STATE.

(d) A license holder shall display and sell BEER AND OR wine:

(1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and

(2) during the hours and days designated for the BEER AND OR wine festival.

(e) ~~For the BEER AND wine festival, the~~ THE Board shall choose:

(1) [1 weekend] NOT MORE THAN MAY APPROVE UP TO 4 WEEKENDS FOR BEER OR WINE FESTIVALS PER APPLICANT each year; and

(2) ~~a~~ SHALL APPROVE THE location ~~that is not already licensed~~ FOR A FESTIVAL.

(f) The license holder may hold another license of a different class or nature.

(g) The license fee is \$15.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.