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By: **Allegany County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Allegany County a special festival alcoholic beverages  
4 license; providing for the terms and conditions of the license; and generally  
5 relating to alcoholic beverages in Allegany County.

6 BY renumbering  
7 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 8-301 through 8-313, respectively  
9 to be Section 8-302 through 8-314, respectively  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 BY adding to  
13 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
14 Section 8-301  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 8-301 through 8-313, respectively, of Article 2B -  
19 Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be  
20 Section(s) 8-302 through 8-314, respectively.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
22 read as follows:

1 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 8-301.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF  
4 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

5 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN ALLEGANY COUNTY.

6 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ANNUALLY ONE SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSE.

7 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN  
8 APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF AN EXISTING  
9 STATE RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, STATE CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE,  
10 OR STATE CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

11 (E) A SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSEE SHALL:

12 (1) ONLY DISPLAY AND SELL:

13 (I) WINE THAT IS:

14 1. MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN ANY STATE;

15 2. PRICE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS  
16 ADOPTED BY THE COMPTROLLER; AND17 3. DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME THE  
18 APPLICATION IS FILED; OR

19 (II) BEER THAT IS BREWED BY A BREWER:

20 1. WHO BREWS LESS THAN 60,000 BARRELS OF BEER  
21 ANNUALLY; AND22 2. WHOSE PRODUCT IS DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE AT THE  
23 TIME THE APPLICATION IS FILED;24 (2) DISPLAY AND SELL BEER AND WINE AT RETAIL FOR CONSUMPTION  
25 ON OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS  
26 DESIGNATED FOR THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL; AND27 (3) DISPLAY AND SELL WINE THAT IS MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED  
28 IN ANY STATE AT RETAIL FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ON THE  
29 DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL.30 (F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL FESTIVAL  
31 LICENSE FROM HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A  
32 DIFFERENT CLASS OR NATURE.

33 (G) THE BOARD:

1 (1) MAY ESTABLISH THE LICENSE FEE;

2 (2) MAY SELECT ONE WEEKEND, FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY INCLUSIVE,  
3 ANNUALLY FOR THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL PROVIDED THAT THE WEEKEND THAT IS  
4 SELECTED DOES NOT OCCUR ON THE SAME WEEKEND AS THE MARYLAND WINE  
5 FESTIVAL;

6 (3) SHALL CHOOSE A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY THAT IS NOT LICENSED  
7 UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL; AND

8 (4) SHALL ASSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL  
9 FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER AND WINE.

10 (H) (1) PRODUCTS DISPLAYED AND SOLD SHALL BE:

11 (I) INVOICED TO THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSE HOLDER BY A  
12 LICENSED STATE WHOLESALER, WINERY, OR LIMITED WINERY; AND

13 (II) DELIVERED TO THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL FROM THE LICENSED  
14 PREMISES OF THE WHOLESALER, WINERY, OR LIMITED WINERY.

15 (2) WHENEVER A SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSE IS ISSUED UNDER THIS  
16 SUBSECTION, HOLDERS OF WHOLESALER, WINERY, OR LIMITED WINERY LICENSES  
17 MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL FESTIVAL  
18 LICENSE TO DELIVER BEER AND WINE 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
19 THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSE AND TO ACCEPT RETURNS 2 DAYS AFTER THE  
20 EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SPECIAL FESTIVAL LICENSE.

21 (I) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 June 1, 1999.