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By: **Delegate Minnick**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Special Wine Festival - Micro-Breweries**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a special wine festival licensee in Baltimore County  
4 to display and sell certain beer under certain terms and conditions; requiring a  
5 special beer and wine festival licensee to hold a requisite alcoholic beverages  
6 license; and generally relating to special beer and wine festivals in Baltimore  
7 County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 8-303  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 8-303.

17 (a) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners may issue a  
18 special BEER AND wine festival [(WF)] license.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, an applicant for a  
20 special [WF] BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL license shall be a holder of [an] A  
21 REQUISITE existing retail alcoholic beverages license issued in the State [and

1 authorized under the license to sell wine], CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, CLASS 7  
2 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 winery  
3 license issued pursuant to this article.

4 (c) A special [WF] BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL licensee shall only display and  
5 sell:

6 (1) [wine] WINE that is produced and processed in Maryland; AND

7 (2) BEER THAT IS PRODUCED AND PROCESSED AT A CLASS 5 BREWERY  
8 OR A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY IN MARYLAND.

9 (d) A special [WF] BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL license entitles the holder to  
10 display and sell at retail BEER AND wine for consumption on or off the licensed  
11 premises on the days and for the hours designated for the SPECIAL BEER AND wine  
12 festival in Baltimore County.

13 (e) The license fee is \$15.

14 (f) The provisions of this section may not prohibit the licensee from holding  
15 another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

16 (g) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners:

17 (1) Except for the dates chosen for the Cumberland and Shenandoah  
18 Valley Wine Festival in Washington County, the Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll  
19 County and the Anne Arundel County Beer and Wine Festival shall approve one  
20 weekend annually for the SPECIAL BEER AND wine festival; and

21 (2) Shall approve a location in Baltimore County for this festival which  
22 does not hold an alcoholic beverages license.

23 (h) The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners shall adopt  
24 regulations for implementing this section.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 1999.