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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Garrett County a wine festival alcoholic beverages  
4 license; providing for the terms and conditions of the license; authorizing direct  
5 sale of alcoholic beverages from a wholesaler or producer to a wine festival  
6 licensee under certain circumstances; specifying certain conditions for the date  
7 of the festival; requiring the wine festival licensee to have a certain alcoholic  
8 beverages license; authorizing a wine festival licensee to hold another alcoholic  
9 beverages license of a different class or nature; authorizing the Garrett County  
10 Board of License Commissioners to establish certain fees, approve a festival date  
11 and location, and adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic  
12 beverages in Garrett County.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section ~~8-307.1~~ 8-308.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 ~~8-307.1.~~ 8-308.1.

22 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF  
23 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

1 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN GARRETT COUNTY.

2 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ANNUALLY ONE WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE.

3 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN  
4 APPLICANT FOR A WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER, WITHIN THE  
5 COUNTY, OF AN EXISTING RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, STATE CLASS 3  
6 WINERY LICENSE, OR STATE CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE.

7 (E) A WINE FESTIVAL LICENSEE SHALL:

8 (1) ONLY DISPLAY AND SELL WINE THAT IS:

9 (I) MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN A ANY STATE;

10 (II) PRICE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED  
11 BY THE COMPTROLLER; AND

12 (III) DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS  
13 FILED; AND

14 (2) DISPLAY AND SELL WINE AT RETAIL FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF  
15 THE LICENSED PREMISES ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE  
16 WINE FESTIVAL.

17 (F) THE BOARD SHALL:

18 (1) ESTABLISH THE LICENSE FEE;

19 (2) APPROVE ONE OR TWO DAYS, EXCLUDING SUNDAY, ANNUALLY FOR  
20 THE WINE FESTIVAL PROVIDED THAT THE DAYS SELECTED DO NOT OCCUR ON THE  
21 SAME WEEKEND AS THE MARYLAND WINE FESTIVAL; AND

22 (3) APPROVE A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY THAT IS NOT LICENSED  
23 UNDER THIS ARTICLE FOR THE WINE FESTIVAL.

24 (G) (1) PRODUCTS TO BE DISPLAYED AND SOLD AT THE WINE FESTIVAL  
25 SHALL BE:

26 (I) INVOICED TO THE WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE HOLDER BY A  
27 LICENSED STATE WHOLESALER, WINERY, OR LIMITED WINERY; AND

28 (II) DELIVERED TO THE WINE FESTIVAL FROM THE LICENSED  
29 PREMISES OF THE WHOLESALER, WINERY, OR LIMITED WINERY.

30 (2) WHENEVER A WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE IS ISSUED UNDER THIS  
31 SECTION, HOLDERS OF WHOLESALE, WINERY, OR LIMITED WINERY LICENSES MAY  
32 ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOLDER OF A WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE TO  
33 DELIVER BEER AND WINE 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE WINE  
34 FESTIVAL LICENSE AND TO ACCEPT RETURNS 2 DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION DATE  
35 OF THE WINE FESTIVAL LICENSE.

1 (H) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

3 July 1, 2001.