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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2002  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County to  
4 issue a special wine festival (WF) license; establishing certain requirements for  
5 license applicants and for holders of special wine festival licenses; establishing  
6 the scope of the license; establishing a certain fee; specifying that a licensee is  
7 not prohibited from holding a certain other license; requiring the Alcoholic  
8 Beverages Board to approve the time and location of wine festivals under certain  
9 circumstances; requiring the Alcoholic Beverages Board to adopt regulations;  
10 and generally relating to wine festivals in St. Mary's County.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 8-312.1  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19 8-312.1.

20 (A) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY MAY ISSUE A  
21 SPECIAL WINE FESTIVAL (WF) LICENSE.

22 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, AN  
23 APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL WF LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF AN EXISTING  
24 RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE AUTHORIZING THE  
25 SALE OF WINE, A STATE CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE, OR A STATE CLASS 4 WINERY  
26 LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

1 (C) A SPECIAL WF LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO DISPLAY AND SELL AT  
2 RETAIL WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ON THE DAYS  
3 AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE WINE FESTIVAL IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

4 (D) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$15.

5 (E) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSEE FROM HOLDING  
6 ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS OR NATURE.

7 (F) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY:

8 (1) SHALL APPROVE ONE WEEKEND ANNUALLY FOR THE WINE  
9 FESTIVAL; AND

10 (2) SHALL APPROVE A LOCATION IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY FOR THIS  
11 FESTIVAL THAT DOES NOT HOLD AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE.

12 (G) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHALL ADOPT  
13 REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 July 1, 2002.