
By: **Delegates Cane, Bozman, Conway, Eckardt, Elmore, and Haddaway**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Beer Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Wicomico County Board of License
4 Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license; requiring a special beer
5 festival license to be used at a beer festival held on nonlicensed premises in the
6 county; establishing a certain fee for the special beer festival license; requiring
7 an applicant for a special beer festival license to hold one of certain
8 manufacturer's licenses; requiring each manufacturer that participates in a beer
9 festival to obtain a special beer festival license; establishing certain display and
10 sale requirements for a special beer festival licensee; establishing a certain
11 maximum duration for a special beer festival license; requiring the Board to
12 adopt certain regulations and establish a certain number of special beer festival
13 licenses that may be issued annually; defining a certain term; and generally
14 relating to special beer festival licenses in Wicomico County.

15 BY adding to
16 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
17 Section 8-804
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

23 8-804.

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE WICOMICO COUNTY BOARD OF
25 LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

26 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

27 (C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE.

1 (2) A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE MAY BE USED ONLY AT A BEER
2 FESTIVAL HELD ON NONLICENSED PREMISES LOCATED IN WICOMICO COUNTY.

3 (D) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AN
4 APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE THE HOLDER OF AN
5 EXISTING CLASS 5 BREWERY, CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY, OR CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY
6 MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

7 (2) EACH MANUFACTURER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE BEER FESTIVAL
8 SHALL OBTAIN A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE.

9 (E) A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSEE MAY DISPLAY AND SELL BEER AT
10 RETAIL FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE LICENSED FESTIVAL PREMISES ONLY ON THE
11 HOURS AND DAYS DESIGNATED FOR THE FESTIVAL.

12 (F) THE PRODUCTS DISPLAYED AND SOLD BY A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL
13 LICENSEE SHALL BE PRODUCTS OWNED AND MANUFACTURED BY THE LICENSEE.

14 (G) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSEE
15 FROM HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS
16 OR NATURE.

17 (H) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$50 PER DAY.

18 (I) EACH SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE MAY BE IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD
19 NOT EXCEEDING 3 DAYS.

20 (J) THE BOARD MAY:

21 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION; AND

22 (2) DESIGNATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES DURING A CALENDAR YEAR
23 THAT A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 June 1, 2004.