
By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that the Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's
4 County may issue a special wine festival (WF) license to the sponsor of a
5 festival; and generally relating to wine festivals in St. Mary's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 8-312.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

14 8-312.1.

15 (a) The Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County may issue a special
16 wine festival (WF) license TO THE SPONSOR OF A FESTIVAL.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, an applicant for a
18 special WF license shall be a holder of an existing retail alcoholic beverages license
19 issued in the State authorizing the sale of wine, a State Class 3 winery license, or a
20 State Class 4 winery license issued under this article.

21 (c) A holder of a special WF license shall only display and sell wine:

22 (1) That is:

23 (i) Manufactured and processed in any state;

24 (ii) Price filed in accordance with regulations adopted by the

25 Comptroller; and

1 (iii) Distributed in the State at the time the application is filed;

2 (2) At retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days
3 and for the hours designated for the festival; and

4 (3) That is manufactured and processed in any state at retail for
5 consumption off the licensed premises on the days and hours designated for the
6 festival.

7 (d) The license fee is \$15.

8 (e) This section does not prohibit the holder of a special WF license from
9 holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

10 (f) The Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County:

11 (1) Shall approve one weekend annually for the wine festival;

12 (2) Shall approve a location in St. Mary's County for this festival that is
13 not licensed under this article; and

14 (3) Shall ensure that the primary focus of the festival is the promotion of
15 Maryland wine.

16 (g) The Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County shall adopt
17 regulations for carrying out this section.

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