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1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the fee in Baltimore City for a Baltimore Wine Festival  
4 license; altering the days that a Baltimore Wine Festival may be held; altering  
5 the election districts affected by a prohibition against issuing Baltimore Wine  
6 Festival licenses; and generally relating to wine festivals in Baltimore City.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 8-303  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15 8-303.

16 (a) The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue up to 4  
17 special Baltimore Wine Festival (BWF) licenses.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an applicant for a special  
19 BWF license shall be a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages license,  
20 State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 winery license issued under this article.

1 (c) A special BWF license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine  
2 for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours  
3 designated for a Baltimore Wine Festival in Baltimore City.

4 (d) The license fee is [\$15] \$50 PER DAY.

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

7 (f) The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners:

8 (1) May select [4 weekends] FOUR 4-DAY PERIODS annually for a  
9 Baltimore Wine Festival;

10 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, shall choose a  
11 location in Baltimore City for a festival for which an alcoholic beverages license has  
12 not been issued; and

13 (3) May not issue a license under this section for use in election  
14 [districts 46 and 47A] DISTRICT 46, EXCEPT FOR THE 1ST PRECINCT OF THE 22ND  
15 WARD.

16 (g) The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners shall adopt  
17 regulations implementing the provisions of this section.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 June 1, 2005.