
By: Frederick County Delegation

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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County - Special Beer Festival**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners of Frederick
4 County to approve an increased number of weekends for the special beer festival
5 in Frederick County; providing that Board may allow the special beer festival to
6 be held on a certain premises under a certain condition; and generally relating
7 to the special beer festival in Frederick County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 8-803
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16 8-803.

17 (a) In this section, "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners for
18 Frederick County.

19 (b) The Board may issue a special beer festival license.

1 (c) A special beer festival license entitles the holder to display and sell at
2 retail beer for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the
3 hours designated for the special beer festival in Frederick County.

4 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an applicant for a
5 special beer festival license shall be the holder of a current retail alcoholic beverages
6 license issued in the State, a Class 5 brewery license, or a Class 7 micro-brewery
7 license.

8 (e) The license fee is \$15.

9 (f) The Board shall:

10 (1) Approve [one weekend] FOUR WEEKENDS annually for the special
11 beer festival that does not fall on the dates chosen for the Cumberland and
12 Shenandoah Valley Wine Festival in Washington County or the Maryland Wine
13 Festival in Carroll County;

14 (2) Approve [a nonlicensed premises in Frederick County] for the
15 special beer festival[; and]:

16 (I) A NONLICENSED PREMISES IN FREDERICK COUNTY; OR

17 (II) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION, THE PREMISES
18 IN FREDERICK COUNTY OF A HOLDER OF A STADIUM ON-SALE LICENSE; AND

19 (3) Ensure that the primary focus of the special beer festival is the
20 promotion of Maryland beer.

21 (G) IF A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL IS HELD ON THE PREMISES IN FREDERICK
22 COUNTY OF A HOLDER OF A STADIUM ON-SALE LICENSE, THE HOLDER MAY NOT
23 SELL ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING THE FESTIVAL.

24 [(g)] (H) This section does not prohibit the licensee from holding another
25 alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

26 [(h)] (I) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 July 1, 2006.