
By: **Cecil County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2006

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of creating in Cecil County a wine festival alcoholic beverages
4 license; providing for the terms and conditions of the license; requiring an
5 applicant for a wine festival license to be a holder of a certain alcoholic
6 beverages license; requiring the Cecil County Liquor Board to assure that the
7 primary focus of the festival is the promotion of Maryland wine; requiring the
8 holder of a wine festival license to display and sell certain wine; providing for a
9 license fee; allowing the wine festival license holder from holding another
10 alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature; authorizing the Board
11 to choose a festival date; requiring the Board to choose a certain festival
12 location; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain
13 term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Cecil County.

14 BY adding to

15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

16 Section 8-306.1

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 8-306.1.

23 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE CECIL COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD.

24 (B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CECIL COUNTY.

25 (C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL WINE FESTIVAL (WF) LICENSE.

26 (D) AN APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL WF LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF A
27 STATE RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE, STATE CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE,
28 OR STATE CLASS 4 WINERY LICENSE.

1 (E) (1) THE BOARD SHALL ASSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE
2 FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND WINE.

3 (2) THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL WF LICENSE SHALL DISPLAY AND SELL
4 WINE THAT IS:

5 (I) PRICE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED
6 BY THE COMPTROLLER; AND

7 (II) DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE.

8 (F) A SPECIAL WF LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO DISPLAY AND SELL AT
9 RETAIL WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES ON THE DAYS
10 AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE WINE FESTIVAL IN THE COUNTY.

11 (G) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$20.

12 (H) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSE HOLDER FROM
13 HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS OR
14 NATURE.

15 (I) THE BOARD:

16 (1) MAY CHOOSE ONE WEEKEND ANNUALLY DURING THE MONTHS OF
17 JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, OR SEPTEMBER FOR THE WINE FESTIVAL THAT DOES NOT
18 CONFLICT WITH THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL, THE
19 CUMBERLAND AND SHENANDOAH VALLEY WINE FESTIVAL, OR THE MARYLAND WINE
20 FESTIVAL; AND

21 (2) SHALL CHOOSE A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY FOR THE FESTIVAL
22 THAT IS NOT LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

23 (J) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

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