
By: **Delegate V. Clagett**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages - Winery Special Event Permits**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of winery special event permits the
4 Comptroller may issue to a Class 4 limited winery in a calendar year; increasing
5 the number of permits that may be issued in a year to a limited winery for use
6 in the same political subdivision; increasing the number of bottles of wine that a
7 holder of a special permit may sell to a consumer at an event or festival for
8 off-premises consumption; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to
9 winery special event permits.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

12 Section 2-101(u)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

18 2-101.

19 (u) (1) The Office of the Comptroller may issue a winery special event
20 permit to a licensed Class 4 [Maryland] limited winery, provided that:

21 (i) No more than [12] 15 winery special event permits are issued to
22 the Class 4 [Maryland] limited winery in any given calendar year;

23 (ii) The permit does not exceed 3 consecutive days; and

24 (iii) No more than [three] FIVE winery special event permits are
25 issued in any calendar year to any given limited winery for use in the same political
26 subdivision.

1 (2) The winery special event permit may only be issued for an event
2 which:

3 (i) Has as its major purpose an activity other than the sale and
4 promotion of alcoholic beverages and for which the participation of the winery is a
5 subordinate activity;

6 (ii) Is approved by the Department of Agriculture and the Office of
7 the Comptroller; and

8 (iii) Is held on a nonlicensed premises or a premises on which a
9 person may obtain a temporary alcoholic beverages license.

10 (3) A winery special event permit shall authorize the holder to:

11 (i) Provide samples not to exceed 1 fluid ounce per brand to
12 consumers;

13 (ii) Sell not more than [four] 12 750 ml bottles of wine to a
14 consumer at any given event or festival for off-premises consumption; and

15 (iii) Sell by the glass wine produced by the licensee to persons
16 participating in any event or festival and for on-premises consumption.

17 (4) The winery special event permit application shall be filed with the
18 Office of the Comptroller not less than 15 days prior to any event.

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