

HOUSE BILL 1503

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: March 4, 2009

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Special Beer Festival License**

3 **PG 327–09**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Prince George's County Board of License
5 Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license; specifying the scope of the
6 license; specifying certain requirements imposed on applicants for the license;
7 requiring each manufacturer that participates in the special beer festival to
8 obtain a license; specifying a license fee; restricting the length of a special beer
9 festival to a certain period; requiring the Board to approve the location for the
10 special beer festival under certain conditions; requiring the Board to ensure the
11 primary focus of the special beer festival; providing that this Act does not
12 prohibit a licensee from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a
13 different class or nature; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations for
14 a certain purpose and to designate the number of times that a special beer
15 festival license may be issued; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
16 special beer festival licenses in Prince George's County.

17 BY adding to

18 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

19 Section 8–806

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

24 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

25 **8–806.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “BOARD” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**
2 **BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.**

3 (B) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE.**

4 (C) **A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO**
5 **DISPLAY AND SELL AT RETAIL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE**
6 **PREMISES ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE SPECIAL**
7 **BEER FESTIVAL IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

8 (D) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN**
9 **APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE THE HOLDER OF**
10 **A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, A CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY LICENSE, OR A CLASS**
11 **7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE.**

12 (E) **EACH BEER MANUFACTURER THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE SPECIAL**
13 **BEER FESTIVAL SHALL OBTAIN A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE.**

14 (F) **THE LICENSE FEE IS \$15 PER DAY.**

15 (G) **A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE MAY BE IN EFFECT FOR A**
16 **PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

17 (H) **THE BOARD SHALL:**

18 (1) **APPROVE A NONLICENSED PREMISES IN PRINCE GEORGE’S**
19 **COUNTY FOR THE SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL; AND**

20 (2) **ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL BEER**
21 **FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER.**

22 (I) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSEE FROM HOLDING**
23 **ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS OR**
24 **NATURE.**

25 (J) **THE BOARD MAY:**

26 (1) **ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION; AND**

27 (2) **DESIGNATE THE NUMBER OF TIMES DURING A CALENDAR**
28 **YEAR THAT A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 2009.