

# HOUSE BILL 205

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By: **Harford County Delegation and Delegates Impallaria, James, McComas, McDonough, Norman, and Stifler**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of removing a certain requirement that wine festivals in Harford  
4 County be held at a certain time, during certain months, and not conflict with  
5 other certain wine festivals; and generally relating to wine festival licenses in  
6 Harford County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
9 Section 8–309  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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 8–309.

16 (a) The Harford County Liquor Control Board may issue a special wine  
17 festival (WF) license.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, an applicant for a  
2 special WF license shall be a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages  
3 license, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 winery license issued pursuant  
4 to this article.

5 (c) A special WF licensee shall only display and sell wine that is produced  
6 and processed in Maryland.

7 (d) A special WF license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine  
8 for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours  
9 designated for the wine festival in Harford County.

10 (e) The license fee is \$20.

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

13 (g) The Harford County Liquor Control Board[:

14 (1) May select 1 weekend annually during the months of June, July,  
15 August, or September for the wine festival that does not conflict with the Anne  
16 Arundel County Beer and Wine Festival, the Cumberland and Shenandoah Valley  
17 Wine Festival, or the Maryland Wine Festival; and

18 (2) Shall] **SHALL** choose a location in Harford County for this festival  
19 which does not hold an alcoholic beverages license.

20 (h) The Harford County Liquor Control Board shall adopt regulations for  
21 implementing this section.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.