

Chapter 109

(House Bill 205)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Festival License

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

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

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

8–309.

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

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

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

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

(e) The license fee is \$20.

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

(g) The Harford County Liquor Control Board[:

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.