

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 212
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Beverages –” insert “Cecil and”; in the same line, strike “County” and substitute “Counties”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “increasing the number of special wine festival licenses that the Cecil County Liquor Board may issue;”; in line 9, strike “a” and substitute “certain”; in the same line, strike “correction” and substitute “corrections”; in line 9, after “to” insert “wine festivals in Cecil County and”; and in line 13, after “Section” insert “8-306.1 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“8-306.1.

- (a) In this section, “Board” means the Cecil County Liquor Board.
- (b) This section applies only in Cecil County.
- (c) The Board may issue [a] NOT MORE THAN THREE special wine festival (WF) [license] LICENSES.
- (d) An applicant for a special WF license shall be a holder of a State retail alcoholic beverages license, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 winery license.
- (e) (1) The Board shall assure that the primary focus of [the] EACH festival is the promotion of Maryland wine.
- (2) The holder of a special WF license shall display and sell wine that
is:

(Over)

(i) Price filed in accordance with regulations adopted by the Comptroller; and

(ii) Distributed in the State.

(f) 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 the county.

(g) The license fee is \$20.

(h) This section does not prohibit the license holder from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

(i) The Board:

(1) May choose one weekend annually during the months of June, July, August, or September for [the] EACH 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 choose a location in the county for [the] EACH festival that is not licensed under this article.

(j) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.”.