

SENATE BILL 420

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By: **Senator Edwards**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Beer Festival Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a beer festival license in Garrett County to
4 display and sell beer that is manufactured and processed in any state and
5 distributed in Maryland when the application for the beer festival license is
6 filed; and generally relating to beer festival licenses in Garrett County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 8–807
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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 8–807.

16 (a) In this section, “Board” means the Garrett County Board of License
17 Commissioners.

18 (b) This section applies only in Garrett County.

19 (c) The Board may issue annually not more than two beer festival licenses.

20 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an applicant for a
21 festival license shall be a holder of a:

22 (1) Retail alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Class 5 brewery license;

2 (3) Class 6 pub–brewery license; or

3 (4) Class 7 micro–brewery license.

4 (e) A holder of a beer festival license may:

5 (1) Only display and sell beer that is:

6 (i) Manufactured and processed in [the State] ANY STATE; and

7 (ii) Distributed in the State when the application is filed; and

8 (2) Display and sell beer at retail for consumption on or off the
9 licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for a beer festival.

10 (f) For a beer festival license, the Board shall:

11 (1) Establish a fee;

12 (2) Approve a fixed period of time for the festival of up to 2 consecutive
13 days, excluding Sunday; and

14 (3) Approve a festival location in the County for which a license has
15 not been issued.

16 (g) (1) A product to be displayed and sold at a beer festival shall be:

17 (i) Invoiced to the holder of the beer festival license by a
18 licensed State wholesaler or holder of a Class 5 brewery license, Class 6 pub–brewery
19 license or Class 6 micro–brewery license; and

20 (ii) Delivered to the beer festival from the licensed premises of
21 the wholesaler.

22 (2) When a beer festival license is issued, a holder of a wholesaler’s
23 license, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub–brewery license, or a Class 7
24 micro–brewery license may enter into an agreement with the holder of the beer
25 festival license to deliver beer 2 days before the effective date of the beer festival
26 license and to accept returns not later than 2 days after the expiration date of the beer
27 festival license.

28 (h) A beer festival license issued for a location at which Sunday sales are
29 allowed under § 11–512(c) of this article authorizes Sunday sales:

1 (1) To begin at 1 p.m.; and

2 (2) To be made without a consumer placing an order for a meal
3 simultaneously or before placing an order for an alcoholic beverage.

4 (i) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2014.