

Chapter 663

**(House Bill 1108)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event Permits for Wineries**

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of times per year a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license may use a certain special event permit in Washington County; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 31–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 31–402.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

31–102.

This title applies only in Washington County.

31–402.1.

(a) There is a special event permit.

(b) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license.

(c) The permit authorizes the holder to sell for on–premises consumption beer, wine produced by the holder, sparkling wine that is naturally or artificially carbonated, and liquor at an event for which the entire licensed premises has been rented.

(d) The license holder shall purchase beer, sparkling wine that is naturally or artificially carbonated, or liquor intended for sale under the permit from a licensed retailer.

(e) The license holder shall keep all receipts of purchase of alcoholic beverages for 1 year after the date of purchase.

(f) The license holder that intends to use the permit shall notify the Board at least 1 week before the event is to occur.

(g) The license holder may use the permit not more than [32] **60** times in a year.

(h) The annual permit fee is \$1,000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. *It shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.*

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.**