

HOUSE BILL 281

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event Permits for Wineries**
3 **– Sunset Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination provision for a certain provision of law
5 relating to the number of times per year a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a
6 Class 4 limited winery license may use a certain special event permit in Washington
7 County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Washington County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 31–102 and 31–402.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Chapter 663 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021
15 Section 2

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 31–102.

20 This title applies only in Washington County.

21 31–402.1.

22 (a) There is a special event permit.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

8 (e) The license holder shall keep all receipts of purchase of alcoholic beverages for
9 1 year after the date of purchase.

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

12 (g) The license holder may use the permit not more than 60 times in a year.

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

14 **Chapter 663 of the Acts of 2021**

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

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2022.