

HOUSE BILL 558

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Festival Licenses**

3 **PG 316–26**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the restriction on the number of wine festival licenses that
5 the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County may issue annually;
6 repealing a prohibition on issuing a wine festival license for use in a certain
7 legislative district; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince
8 George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 26–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 26–1304
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

2 26–102.

3 This title applies only in Prince George’s County.

4 26–1304.

5 (a) [In this section, “Festival” means the Prince George’s County Wine Festival.

6 (b) (1) There is a [Prince George’s County Wine Festival license] **WINE**
7 **FESTIVAL LICENSE**.

8 [(2) The Board may issue one license each year.]

9 [(c) (B) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a retail license, Class 3
10 winery license, or Class 4 limited winery license.11 [(d) (C) The license authorizes the license holder to display and sell wine that
12 is:

13 (1) manufactured and processed in any state; and

14 (2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.

15 [(e) (D) A license holder shall display and sell wine:

16 (1) for on– and off–premises consumption; and

17 (2) during the hours and days designated for the [Festival] **WINE**
18 **FESTIVAL**.

19 [(f) (E) (1) The Board shall:

20 (i) choose [a] **THE** location for the [Festival] **WINE FESTIVAL** that~~is~~21 ~~is not in the 24th Legislative District; and~~22 ~~is~~ is not already licensed; and23 (ii) ensure that the primary focus of the [Festival] **WINE FESTIVAL**
24 is the promotion of Maryland wine.25 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, each year the Board may
26 choose [1 weekend] **THE WEEKENDS**, Friday through Sunday, inclusive, for the [Festival]
27 **WINE FESTIVALS**.

1 (3) The [weekend] WEEKENDS chosen for [the Festival] WINE FESTIVALS
2 may not:

3 (i) be within 14 days before or after the dates chosen for the
4 Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll County; or

5 (ii) conflict with the dates chosen for the:

6 1. Anne Arundel County Beer and Wine Festival;

7 2. Calvert County Wine Festival;

8 3. Charles County Beer and Wine Festival; or

9 4. Howard County Wine Festival.

10 [(g)] (F) The license holder may hold another license of a different class or
11 nature.

12 [(h)] (G) Wine displayed and sold shall be:

13 (1) invoiced to the license holder by a licensed wholesaler, Class 3 winery,
14 or Class 4 limited winery; and

15 (2) delivered to the [Festival] WINE FESTIVAL from the licensed premises
16 of the wholesaler, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery.

17 [(i)] (H) A holder of a wholesale, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery
18 license may enter into an agreement with the license holder to:

19 (1) deliver wine not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the
20 license; and

21 (2) accept returns not later than 2 days after the expiration date of the
22 license.

23 [(j)] (I) The Board may set the license fee.

24 [(k)] (J) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2026.