

Chapter 416

**(House Bill 1156)**

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer or Wine Festival License**

FOR the purpose of altering the wine festival license in Calvert County to be the beer or wine festival license; establishing that beer festivals and beer and wine festivals are subject to certain authorizations and requirements applicable to wine festivals; authorizing the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue the beer or wine festival license to certain persons; providing that the primary purpose of the license is to authorize the holder to sell certain beer or wine; authorizing the Board to approve up to a certain number of weekends for beer or wine festivals per license applicant each year and requiring the Board to approve the location for a festival; and generally relating to the beer or wine festival license in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 14–1304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (S.B. 724) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

14–1304.

(a) There is a **BEER OR** wine festival [(WF)] **(BWF)** license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

**(1)** a holder of:

**(I)** a retail license authorizing the sale of **BEER OR** wine[.];

**(II)** A Class 3 winery license[, or];

**(III)** A Class 4 **LIMITED** winery license;

**(IV)** A **CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE**;

(v) A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE; OR

(vi) A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE; OR

(2) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

(c) The **PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE** license [authorizes] **IS TO AUTHORIZE** the holder to display and sell **BEER THAT IS BREWED IN THE STATE OR** wine **THAT IS MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN THE STATE.**

(d) A license holder shall display and sell **BEER OR** wine:

(1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and

(2) during the hours and days designated for the **BEER OR** wine festival.

(e) [For the wine festival, the Board shall choose] **THE BOARD:**

(1) [1 weekend] **MAY APPROVE UP TO 4 WEEKENDS FOR BEER OR WINE FESTIVALS PER APPLICANT** each year; and

(2) [a location that is not already licensed] **SHALL APPROVE THE LOCATION FOR A FESTIVAL.**

(f) The license holder may hold another license of a different class or nature.

(g) The license fee is \$15.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.**