

# HOUSE BILL 1425

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By: **Cecil County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 18, 2013

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County – Special Wine Festival Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of special wine festival licenses that the  
4 Cecil County Liquor Board may issue; making certain technical corrections; and  
5 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Cecil County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 8–306.1  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

14 8–306.1.

15 (a) In this section, “Board” means the Cecil County Liquor Board.

16 (b) This section applies only in Cecil County.

17 (c) The Board may issue [a] **NOT MORE THAN THREE** special wine festival  
18 (WF) [license] **LICENSES**.

19 (d) An applicant for a special WF license shall be a holder of a State retail  
20 alcoholic beverages license, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 winery  
21 license.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) (1) The Board shall assure that the primary focus of [the] EACH  
2 festival is the promotion of Maryland wine.

3 (2) The holder of a special WF license shall display and sell wine that  
4 is:

5 (i) Price filed in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
6 Comptroller; and

7 (ii) Distributed in the State.

8 (f) A special WF license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine  
9 for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours  
10 designated for the wine festival in the county.

11 (g) The license fee is \$20.

12 (h) This section does not prohibit the license holder from holding another  
13 alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

14 (i) The Board:

15 (1) May choose one weekend annually during the months of June,  
16 July, August, or September for [the] EACH wine festival that does not conflict with the  
17 Anne Arundel County Beer and Wine Festival, the Cumberland and Shenandoah  
18 Valley Wine Festival, or the Maryland Wine Festival; and

19 (2) Shall choose a location in the county for [the] EACH festival that is  
20 not licensed under this article.

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

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 2013.