

# HOUSE BILL 171

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2012

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Winery Special Event Permits – Farmers' Markets**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a winery special  
4 event permit to a Class 4 Maryland limited winery in St. Mary's County for  
5 unlimited use for a certain amount of time each week at certain farmers'  
6 markets in St. Mary's County; and generally relating to the issuance of a winery  
7 special event permit for use at a farmers' market in St. Mary's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 2–101(u)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2011 Replacement Volume)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 2–101(u)(12)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 2–101.

22 (u) (1) The Office of the Comptroller may issue a winery special event  
23 permit to a licensed Class 4 Maryland limited winery, provided that:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) Except as provided in paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), [and]  
2 (11), AND **(12)** of this subsection, no more than 12 winery special event permits are  
3 issued to the Class 4 Maryland limited winery in any given calendar year;

4 (ii) The permit does not exceed 3 consecutive days; and

5 (iii) Except as provided in paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), [and]  
6 (11), AND **(12)** of this subsection, no more than three winery special event permits are  
7 issued in any calendar year to any given limited winery for use in the same political  
8 subdivision.

9 **(12) IN ADDITION TO THE WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS THAT**  
10 **MAY BE ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**  
11 **CLASS 4 MARYLAND LIMITED WINERY MAY BE ISSUED A WINERY SPECIAL**  
12 **EVENT PERMIT FOR UNLIMITED USE FOR 1 DAY EACH WEEK AT A FARMERS'**  
13 **MARKET IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY THAT IS LISTED ON THE FARMERS' MARKET**  
14 **DIRECTORY OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 July 1, 2012.