

This bill alters the frequency for issuing winery special events permits from one per year to three per year, and repeals a permit requirement that the event be organized and conducted by a nonprofit organization or government entity. It also alters the fee for charity wine auction permits.

Senate Bill 27, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 393.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

### House Bill No. 393

AN ACT concerning

#### Alcoholic Beverages – Winery Special Event and Charity Wine Auction Permits

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the length of time for which a winery special event permit is effective; altering the frequency for issuing permits increasing the maximum number of winery special events permits that may be issued in any calendar year~~ altering the frequency for issuing winery special event permits; repealing a certain requirement for the issuance of a permit; altering the fee for charity wine auction permits; and generally relating to winery special event and charity wine auction permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 2-101(o) and (u)(1) and (2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

#### Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

2-101.

(o) (1) In this subsection the following words have the meanings indicated.

(i) “Charitable organization” means an organization that is a benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, religious, or eleemosynary organization that solicits or obtains contributions solicited from the public for charitable or benevolent purposes, and that is registered with the Secretary of State as required by law.

(ii) “Charitable organization” includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate which has its principal place of business outside the State.