

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved April 12, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 11**

**(Senate Bill 137)**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival**

FOR the purpose of increasing the fee in Baltimore City for a Baltimore Wine Festival license; altering the days that a Baltimore Wine Festival may be held; altering the election districts affected by a prohibition against issuing Baltimore Wine Festival licenses; and generally relating to wine festivals in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-303

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

8-303.

(a) The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue up to 4 special Baltimore Wine Festival (BWF) licenses.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an applicant for a special BWF license shall be a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages license, State Class 3 winery license, or State Class 4 winery license issued under this article.

(c) A special BWF license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail wine for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for a Baltimore Wine Festival in Baltimore City.

(d) The license fee is ~~[\$15]~~ \$50 PER DAY.

(e) The provisions of this section may not prohibit the licensee from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.

(f) The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners:

(1) May select ~~[4 weekends]~~ FOUR 4-DAY PERIODS annually for a Baltimore Wine Festival;