

CHAPTER 37

(Senate Bill 377)

AN ACT concerning

Wine Permit - Nonprofit Organizations

FOR the purpose of creating a wine permit for nonprofit organizations to sell wine in open containers at fund-raising events that are held on the premises of a winery; requiring the winery where the event is to be given to be a holder of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; providing for the scope of the permit; requiring the hosting winery to cosign the permit; establishing a permit fee; limiting the number of events a winery may host; and generally relating to creating a wine permit for nonprofit organizations to hold fund-raisers at wineries.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 39F  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

39F.

(A) A BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY RECEIVE A WINE PERMIT FOR A FUND-RAISING EVENT BY APPLYING TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE EVENT IS TO BE HELD.

(B) THE WINE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO:

(1) HOLD A FUND-RAISING EVENT ON THE FEDERALLY BONDED PREMISES OF A WINERY, PROVIDED THE WINERY IS OPERATED UNDER A CLASS 3 OR CLASS 4 MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE AND HOLDS A CLASS A LIGHT WINE LICENSE; AND

(2) PURCHASE WINE IN SEALED CONTAINERS FROM THE WINERY AND SELL THE WINE AT THE EVENT IN OPEN CONTAINERS AT RETAIL FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PERMIT PREMISES.

(C) EACH PERMIT SHALL BE COSIGNED BY THE WINERY HOSTING THE EVENT.