

**CHAPTER 36**

**(House Bill 146)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival License**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County to issue a special wine festival (WF) license; establishing certain requirements for license applicants and for holders of special wine festival licenses; establishing the scope of the license; placing certain restrictions on the way wine is sold and displayed; establishing a certain fee; specifying that a licensee is not prohibited from holding a certain other license; requiring the Alcoholic Beverages Board to approve the time and location of wine festivals under certain circumstances; requiring the Alcoholic Beverages Board to adopt regulations; and generally relating to wine festivals in St. Mary's County.

BY adding to

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 8-312.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

8-312.1.

(A) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL WINE FESTIVAL (WF) LICENSE.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, AN APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL WF LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF AN EXISTING RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF WINE, A STATE CLASS 3 WINERY LICENSE, OR A STATE CLASS 4 WINERY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

(C) ~~A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL WF 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 THE WINE FESTIVAL IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY~~ SHALL ONLY DISPLAY AND SELL WINE:

(1) THAT IS:

(I) MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN ANY STATE;

(II) PRICE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMPTROLLER; AND