

HOUSE BILL 171

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

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 2–101(u)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2011 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to
17 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
18 Section 2–101(u)(12) and (13)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2011 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

2 2-101.

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

5 (i) Except as provided in paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), [and]
6 (11), ~~AND (12)~~ **(12)**, **AND (13)** of this subsection, no more than 12 winery special
7 event permits are issued to the Class 4 Maryland limited winery in any given calendar
8 year;

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

10 (iii) Except as provided in paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), [and]
11 (11), ~~AND (12)~~ **(12)**, **AND (13)** of this subsection, no more than three winery special
12 event permits are issued in any calendar year to any given limited winery for use in
13 the same political subdivision.

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

20 **(13) IN ADDITION TO THE WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS THAT**
21 **MAY BE ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) AND (III) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**
22 **CLASS 4 MARYLAND LIMITED WINERY MAY BE ISSUED A WINERY SPECIAL**
23 **EVENT PERMIT FOR UNLIMITED USE FOR 1 DAY EACH WEEK AT A FARMERS’**
24 **MARKET IN DORCHESTER COUNTY THAT IS LISTED ON THE FARMERS’ MARKET**
25 **DIRECTORY OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

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