

SENATE BILL 420

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcoholic Beverages – Garrett County – Beer Festival Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a holder of a beer festival license in Garrett County to
4 display and sell beer that is manufactured and processed in any state and
5 distributed in Maryland when the application for the beer festival license is
6 filed; and generally relating to beer festival licenses in Garrett County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
9 Section 8–807
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

15 8–807.

16 (a) In this section, “Board” means the Garrett County Board of License
17 Commissioners.

18 (b) This section applies only in Garrett County.

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 (c) The Board may issue annually not more than two beer festival licenses.

2 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an applicant for a
3 festival license shall be a holder of a:

4 (1) Retail alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board;

5 (2) Class 5 brewery license;

6 (3) Class 6 pub–brewery license; or

7 (4) Class 7 micro–brewery license.

8 (e) A holder of a beer festival license may:

9 (1) Only display and sell beer that is:

10 (i) Manufactured and processed in [the State] ANY STATE; and

11 (ii) Distributed in the State when the application is filed; and

12 (2) Display and sell beer at retail for consumption on or off the
13 licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for a beer festival.

14 (f) For a beer festival license, the Board shall:

15 (1) Establish a fee;

16 (2) Approve a fixed period of time for the festival of up to 2 consecutive
17 days, excluding Sunday; and

18 (3) Approve a festival location in the County for which a license has
19 not been issued.

20 (g) (1) A product to be displayed and sold at a beer festival shall be:

21 (i) Invoiced to the holder of the beer festival license by a
22 licensed State wholesaler or holder of a Class 5 brewery license, Class 6 pub–brewery
23 license or Class 6 micro–brewery license; and

24 (ii) Delivered to the beer festival from the licensed premises of
25 the wholesaler.

26 (2) When a beer festival license is issued, a holder of a wholesaler’s
27 license, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub–brewery license, or a Class 7
28 micro–brewery license may enter into an agreement with the holder of the beer
29 festival license to deliver beer 2 days before the effective date of the beer festival

1 license and to accept returns not later than 2 days after the expiration date of the beer
2 festival license.

3 (h) A beer festival license issued for a location at which Sunday sales are
4 allowed under § 11-512(c) of this article authorizes Sunday sales:

5 (1) To begin at 1 p.m.; and

6 (2) To be made without a consumer placing an order for a meal
7 simultaneously or before placing an order for an alcoholic beverage.

8 (i) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.