

# HOUSE BILL 300

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By: **Delegate Krebs**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Beer Festival Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll  
4 County may issue one or more special beer festival licenses; requiring the Board  
5 to approve one weekend for each special beer festival under certain  
6 circumstances; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to special beer  
7 festivals in Carroll County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 8–805  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 8–805.

17 (a) In this section, “Board” means the Board of License Commissioners for  
18 Carroll County.

19 (b) **[The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THE** Board  
20 may issue **[a] ONE OR MORE** special beer festival **[license] LICENSES**.

21 (c) A special beer festival license entitles the holder to display and sell at  
22 retail beer for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the  
23 hours designated for the special beer festival in Carroll County.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, an applicant for a  
2 special beer festival license shall be the holder of a current retail alcoholic beverages  
3 license issued in the State, a Class 5 brewery license, or a Class 7 micro-brewery  
4 license.

5 (e) The license fee is \$50 for a one-day or two-day festival.

6 (f) The Board shall:

7 (1) Approve one weekend for [the] EACH special beer festival that  
8 does not fall on the dates chosen for [the]:

9 (I) ANY OTHER SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL FOR WHICH THE  
10 BOARD ISSUES A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE;

11 (II) THE Cumberland and Shenandoah Valley Wine Festival in  
12 Washington County[, or the];

13 (III) THE Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll County[, or the];  
14 OR

15 (IV) THE Anne Arundel Beer and Wine Festival;

16 (2) Approve a nonlicensed premises in Carroll County for the special  
17 beer festival; and

18 (3) Ensure that the primary focus of the special beer festival is the  
19 promotion of Maryland beer.

20 (g) This section does not prohibit the licensee from holding another alcoholic  
21 beverages license of a different class or nature.

22 (h) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 2013.