

# HOUSE BILL 1091

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festivals**

3 **Ho. Co. 09–14**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners  
5 to issue a special beer festival license; specifying that a special beer festival  
6 license authorizes the holder to display and sell at retail beer for consumption  
7 on and off the licensed premises on certain days and hours; requiring an  
8 applicant for a special beer festival license to be the holder of a certain license;  
9 establishing a license fee; requiring the Howard County Board of License  
10 Commissioners to approve one weekend for the festival, approve a certain  
11 premises in Howard County for the festival, and ensure that the primary focus  
12 of the festival is the promotion of Maryland beer; allowing a certain person to  
13 hold a special beer festival license in addition to another license; requiring the  
14 Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt certain regulations;  
15 defining a certain term; and generally relating to beer festivals in Howard  
16 County.

17 BY adding to

18 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

19 Section 8–808

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

24 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

25 **8–808.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "BOARD" MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD**  
2 **OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.**

3           **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE.**

4           **(C) A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO**  
5 **DISPLAY AND SELL AT RETAIL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE**  
6 **LICENSED PREMISES ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE**  
7 **SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL IN HOWARD COUNTY.**

8           **(D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN**  
9 **APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE THE HOLDER OF**  
10 **A CURRENT RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE, A**  
11 **CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, OR A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE.**

12           **(E) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$50 FOR A 1-DAY OR 2-DAY FESTIVAL.**

13           **(F) THE BOARD SHALL:**

14                   **(1) APPROVE ONE WEEKEND FOR THE SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL;**

15                   **(2) APPROVE AN UNLICENSED PREMISES IN HOWARD COUNTY**  
16 **FOR THE SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL; AND**

17                   **(3) ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL BEER**  
18 **FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER.**

19           **(G) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSEE FROM HOLDING**  
20 **ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS OR**  
21 **NATURE.**

22           **(H) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**  
23 **SECTION.**

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