

HOUSE BILL 1091

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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)

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

3 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 **8–808.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “BOARD” MEANS THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD
6 OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

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

8 (C) A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO
9 DISPLAY AND SELL AT RETAIL BEER FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE
10 LICENSED PREMISES ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS DESIGNATED FOR THE
11 SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL IN HOWARD COUNTY.

12 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, AN
13 APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL LICENSE SHALL BE THE HOLDER OF
14 A CURRENT RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE, A
15 CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, ~~OR~~ A CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE, OR A
16 CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSE.

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

18 (F) THE BOARD SHALL:

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

20 (2) APPROVE AN UNLICENSED PREMISES IN HOWARD COUNTY
21 FOR THE SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL; AND

22 (3) ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL BEER
23 FESTIVAL IS THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER.

24 (G) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE LICENSEE FROM HOLDING
25 ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A DIFFERENT CLASS OR
26 NATURE.

27 (H) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
28 SECTION.

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