

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2021 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Enrolled - Revised**

House Bill 1108  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Wivell)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Event Permits for Wineries**

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This emergency bill increases, from 32 to 60, the number of times in a year that specified wineries in Washington County may use a special event permit. **The bill terminates June 30, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall but potentially meaningful for a small business license holder that is able to hold almost twice as many special events per year. Licensed retailers' sales of beer, sparkling wine, and liquor to license holders (for sale at the events) increase commensurately.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Washington County, there is a special event permit that may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license. The permit authorizes the holder to sell for on-premises consumption beer, wine produced by the holder, sparkling wine that is naturally or artificially carbonated, and liquor at an event for which the entire licensed premises has been rented. The license holder must purchase beer, sparkling wine, or liquor intended for sale under the permit from a licensed retailer. The license holder must keep all receipts of purchases of alcoholic beverages for one year after the date of purchase. The license holder must notify the Washington County Board of

License Commissioners at least one week before an event is to occur under the permit. The annual permit fee is \$1,000.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Washington County; Department of Legislative Services

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