

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT  
COUNTY 2015 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE**

**LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM**

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**BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER OR DEPARTMENT: Board of License Commissioners for Calvert County Maryland

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EXTENSION:

DESCRIBE THE NEED(S) OR REASON(S) FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION: The Board requests that the County Commissioners support a Bill to expand the County's special wine festival (WF) license authorized in Article 2B § 8-305 (a) to be a special beer and/or wine festival (BWF) license. The Board believes that beer and/or wine festivals will be a more popular attraction to visitors and tourists in Calvert County. There are only a limited number of such licenses that can be supported by local breweries and wineries. If we wait and several other counties authorize similar licenses in their counties, we fear that Calvert County will not be able to be patronized by the breweries and wineries because they cannot attend all of the festivals in the counties who wish to have such an event in their county. These festivals would allow beer and/or wine tasting and the purchase of beer and/or wine by the glass or by the bottle.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE/CITATION: Amendment to Article 2B § 8-305. Calvert County

PLEASE STATE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE REQUESTED:

- (a) License authorized .-- The Calvert County Board of License Commissioners may issue a special **Beer & Wine festival (BWF)** license.
- (b) Requirements .-- Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, an applicant for a special **BWF** license shall be a holder of an existing retail alcoholic beverages license issued in the State authorizing the sale of **beer and/or wine**, a State Class 3 winery license, or a State Class 4 winery license, **or a State Class 5 brewery license, or a State Class 7 Brewery license, or a State Class 8 farm Brewery license** issued pursuant to this article, **or a non-profit organization**.
- (c) Scope of license.--A special **BWF** license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail **beer and/or wine** for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for the **beer and/or wine festival** in Calvert County.
- (d) Fee.--The license fee is \$15.
- (e) Holding other licenses not prohibited.--The provisions of this section may not prohibit the licensee from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature.
- (f) Time and location of festival.--The Calvert County Board of license Commissioners:

- (1) Shall approve **up to four** weekends annually , per applicant, for **beer and/or** wine festival(s); and
- (2) Shall approve location(s) in Calvert County for **these** festival(s).

(g) Regulations.--The Calvert County Board of License Commissioners shall adopt regulations for implementing this section.

History: 1989, Ch.5 §15; 1991, Ch. 243; 1992, Ch. 22, §1; 1995, Ch. 3, § 1; 1997, Ch. 724, § 1; 1999, Ch. 87, §1

FISCAL IMPACT: Up to \$10,000.00 income in County revenue if these festivals produces significant increases in tourism for those who to attend beer and wine festivals.

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