

# Md. Code, Alco. Bev. § 25-1304

## Section 25-1304 - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival license

(a)

- (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) "Festival" means the Montgomery County Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival.
- (3) "Festival organization" means a nonprofit organization that:
  - (i) is chosen by the county to organize the Festival; and
  - (ii) has extensive experience in organizing and managing large-scale public events.

(b) There is a Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival license.

(c) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a retail license issued in the county, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub-brewery license, a Class 7 micro-brewery license, a State Class 8 farm brewery license, a Class 3 winery license, a Class 4 limited winery license, a Class 1 distillery license, or a Class 9 limited distillery license.

(d)

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the license authorizes the license holder to display and sell beer, wine, or liquor that is distributed in the State.
- (2) A person may not sell, offer for sale, or display beer, wine, or liquor at the Festival unless the person:
  - (i) holds a beer, wine, and liquor festival license; and
  - (ii) has contracted with a festival organization to display and sell beer, wine, or liquor at the Festival.

(e) A license holder shall display and sell beer, wine, or liquor:

- (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
- (2) during the hours and days designated for the Festival.

(f) A festival organization shall:

- (1) choose the weekends for the Festival;
- (2) choose a location regardless of whether the location is already licensed; and
- (3) ensure that the primary focus of the Festival is the promotion of Maryland beer, wine, or liquor.

(g) A festival organization may contract with a holder of a retail license issued in the county, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub-brewery license, a Class 7 micro-brewery license, a State Class 8 farm brewery license, a Class 3 winery license, a Class 4 limited winery license, a Class 1 distillery license, or a Class 9 limited distillery license to sell and display beer, wine, or liquor at the Festival.

(h) A person may hold a beer, wine, and liquor festival license in addition to another license.

(i)

(1) The license fee is \$30 for each day of the Festival.

(2) License fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited into the general fund of the county.

(j)

(1) The Board may deny a beer, wine, and liquor festival license to an applicant or suspend or revoke a beer, wine, and liquor festival license if the applicant or license holder violates a provision of this article or the regulations of the Board.

(2) Instead of or in addition to denying, suspending, or revoking a license under this subsection, the Board may impose on an applicant or license holder a fine not exceeding \$20,000.

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

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