

## CHAPTER 86

(House Bill 703)

AN ACT concerning

### **Alcoholic Beverages – Special Brewery Promotional Event Permit**

FOR the purpose of establishing a special brewery promotional event permit; authorizing the Office of the Comptroller to issue a permit to a holder of a Class 5 manufacturer's license; authorizing a permit holder to provide certain beer samples and sell beer at a promotional event under certain circumstances; specifying certain restrictions on the frequency and duration of promotional events; providing for a certain fee; requiring a permit application be filed at a certain time; and generally relating to special brewery promotional event permits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 2–206(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 2–206(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

### **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

2–206.

(a) A Class 5 manufacturer's license:

(1) Is a brewery license; and

(2) Authorizes the holder to:

(i) Establish and operate in this State a plant for brewing and bottling malt beverages at the location described in the license;

(ii) Import beer from holders of nonresident dealer's permits;  
and

(iii) Sell and deliver beer to any wholesale licensee in this State, or person outside of this State, authorized to acquire it.

**(C) (1) THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL BREWERY PROMOTIONAL EVENT PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS 5 MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.**

**(2) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO CONDUCT ON THE PREMISES OF THE BREWERY A PROMOTIONAL EVENT AT WHICH THE HOLDER MAY:**

**(I) PROVIDE SAMPLES OF NOT MORE THAN 2 FLUID OUNCES PER BRAND TO CONSUMERS; AND**

**(II) SELL BEER PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER TO PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.**

**(3) THE BEER AT THE EVENT SHALL BE SOLD BY THE GLASS AND FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES ONLY.**

**(4) A HOLDER OF A CLASS 5 MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE MAY NOT BE ISSUED MORE THAN ~~SIX~~ FOUR PERMITS IN A CALENDAR YEAR.**

**(5) A SINGLE PROMOTIONAL EVENT MAY NOT EXCEED 3 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.**

**(6) THE PERMIT FEE IS \$25 PER EVENT.**

**(7) TO OBTAIN A PERMIT, A PERSON, AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT, SHALL FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AN APPLICATION THAT THE OFFICE PROVIDES.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.**