



## Outdoor Events

*Summer is the time for outdoor events and everyone seems to want to drink outside.*

- ✓ When planning an outdoor event, be sure to submit your outdoor event notifications to the Board at least **fifteen days in advance**.
- ✓ *Large events* require coordination with other Harford County agencies, therefore, more time will be necessary.
- ✓ The Outside Alcohol Beverage Event Application, #2122, is available on the Liquor Board website (download section).
  - The form must be accompanied by a diagram showing security plan (entrances, exits, alcohol serving areas, and ID checking locations).
  - There is no fee for annual licensees and complete instructions are available on the website.

## Growlers

The Maryland General Assembly approved a bill allowing certain Harford County alcohol beverage licensees to dispense beer in refillable containers known as growlers. This additional privilege will be available to all class A-1 licensees and to those class B and class D licensees who currently have an off-sale beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor license. In order to obtain the growler permit, the licensee must apply to the Board in writing before being issued a growler permit. The permit will cost \$50 annually and will run from May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, concurrent with the regular liquor license. Once the permit is initially issued it will remain in effect each year thereafter as long as the \$50 fee is paid. The bill does not regulate the number of taps each licensee may have and licensees will be allowed to fill any growler provided by the customer as long as it meets the labeling and cleanliness standards contained in Article 2B, § 21-107. The new law will take effect on October 1, 2014. Please see the attached information sheet for additional information.

The Liquor Control Board Office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

## 190 ° Alcohol Banned

Starting July 1, 2014, alcohol retailers in Maryland **may no longer sell** any alcoholic beverage with alcohol content by volume of **greater than 95%**.

- This language will be added to Article 2B, § 16-505.2 and imposes a *penalty of up to \$1000 for a violation*.

## Server's Identification Training

- The Board's inspectors continue to offer **free training** to all licensees and their employees *twice a month* at the **Liquor Board office**.
- This training covers techniques for identifying those under twenty-one, preventing sales to intoxicated subjects, recognizing real and false identity documents, and server's rights and responsibilities.
- Inspectors have also included new information on counterfeit currency and MVA license issue procedures for those turning twenty-one.
- Call or e-mail the Board office to sign up for the training.
- See attached schedule of upcoming training dates through August
- Information is available on the **Liquor Board website**.