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To: Maryland Breweries that hold a Class 5 Brewery License

Subject: New Legislation - Special Brewery Promotional Event Permit

The 2008 General Assembly passed legislation creating a new Special Brewery Promotional Event Permit available to licensed Maryland breweries that hold a class 5 brewery license issued by the State Comptroller. House Bill 703 was signed by the Governor and became Chapter 86 of the Acts of 2008. The law takes effect June 1, 2008.

Specifically, the new law will allow Maryland class 5 breweries to apply for and obtain up to 4 special brewery permits per year for a fee of $25 each. The permit authorizes the following:

- May provide a sample of not more than 2 fluid ounces of beer per brand to consumers;
- May sell beer produced by the license holder by the glass to consumers.

All samples and sales by the glass are authorized only to persons who are 21 years of age or older. A single promotional event may not exceed 3 days. Promotional events for which a permit has been issued, may only be held on the licensed premise of the brewery.

Attached is an application for your future use. Applications, along with the $25 fee, should be sent to this office at least 15 days prior to the date of the promotional event. Additional applications may be obtained by calling taxpayer services or by going to the Division's website for forms which is:

http://compnet.comp.state.md.us/MATT_Regulatory_Division/Alcohol_and_Tobacco_Tax/Alcohol_Tax_Information/Administrative_News_and_Forms/Alcohol_Tax_Forms.shtml

Should you have any questions concerning the Special Brewery Promotional Event Permit, please contact the taxpayer services section at 410-260-7314.

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Attachment