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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BILLS

HB 430

SEATING REQUIREMENTS

Repeals the capacity of requirements for an applicant of a BWL Community Performing Arts Facility alcoholic beverages license.

HB 432

DRAFT BEERS FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION IN DAMASCUS

Authorizes the board of license commissioners to issue refillable or non-refillable container permit for draft beer to the holder of a Class H beer and wine license if the licensed premises is in Damascus (12th election district).

HB 428

<u>ANNUAL FEES</u>

An emergency bill that requires the board of license commissioners to refund the annual fees and late fees for each alcoholic beverages license issued for the 2020 to 2021 licensing period, as specified. The bill also requires the board to waive the late fees for alcoholic beverages licenses issued for the 2021 to 2022 licensing period, as specified.



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STATEWIDE BILLS

SB 205 & HB 12

RETAIL SALE OR DELIVERY FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION

Authorizes local alcoholic beverages licensing boards to adopt regulations authorizing specified license holders to provide alcoholic beverages by delivery or sale for off-premises consumption on a temporary basis.

SB 821 & HB 1232

MANUFACTURER'S LICENSES AND OFF-SITE PERMITS

Emergency bills that make various temporary changes to the regulation of alcoholic beverage manufacturers in the State. Broadly, the bills significantly alter provisions on off-site and special event permits and alter the licensing fees and privileges of several manufacturer's license.

HB 185

INDUSTRY PRACTICE PROHIBITION

Prohibits an alcoholic beverage license holder in the State or an employee of a license holder, from conditioning the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption on the purchase of more than one serving of an alcoholic beverage at a time. The issuer of an alcoholic beverages license may revoke or suspend the license for violating this prohibition. In addition, the bill establishes criminal penalties for a violation, which includes a fine or possible imprisonment.

